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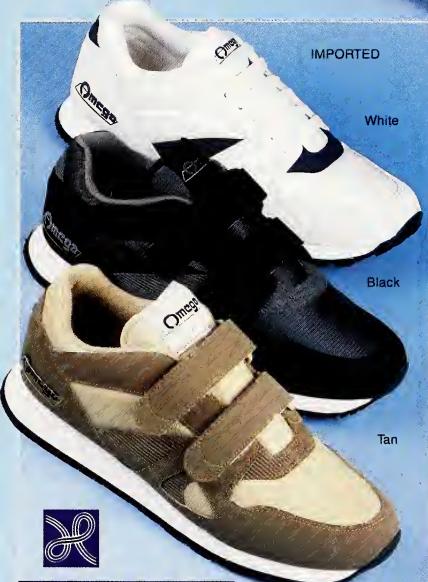


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**School Prayer**

Michael Novak should receive a medal for his article "Prayer In School: An Intolerant Supreme Court" (December). The majority of Americans want prayer in our public schools. The issue of prayer in schools should be voted on. The majority wins.

*William E. Randall  
Placentia, Calif.*

Novak is an excellent example of a literate man who uses his education to persuade others that his prejudices are the "right" prejudices.

*Walt Morse  
Mt. View, Ark.*

Novak should be commended for his excellent and intelligent article.

**V** *Alan R. Schmid  
Waukegan, Ill.*

The article "Prayer In School: An Intolerant Supreme Court" should be required reading for every judge. We have lost respect for ourselves and displaced our responsibility to our fellowman, our God and our country. Is this the country we fought for?

*Marlin Gratz  
Fairmont, Minn.*

Would Novak agree to Muslim prayers in schools? How about Hare Krishna? Or the hundreds of other religions that I'm sure he would not call religion?

*William Rosenthal  
Spring Valley, N.Y.*

The judges who barred prayer from school are very wrong. Didn't they take a vow with "God" in it?

*Peter H. Zwierzyznski  
Beaver Falls, Pa.*

You want prayer—go to church.

*Mary F. Holcomb  
Branson, Mo.*

I don't believe prayer in my children's public school means as much in their lives and the future of our country as the quality of the values and the consistency of the loving example set by those who claim to be "God fearing" people. For my children, that example is my wife and me. If my kids don't get the right example, you come see me, not the school system.

*John P. Dow Sr.  
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This month's questions are:

- Should the United States resume nuclear testing? (See Page 10.)
- Do you think the United States has the resolve to properly account for POW/MIA's in the next war? (See Page 20.)

Here's how you voted in previous polls:

- Do we need a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution?  
Yes 80% No 20%
- Should prayer have been banned in public schools?  
Yes 15% No 85%

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the Pledge of Allegiance reads "One nation \_\_\_\_\_ (deleted by the Supreme Court) indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

*Clifford B. Rhodes  
Corcoran, Calif.*

Prayer in public schools? Why, when worldwide religion fuels the most tragic conflicts?

*F. Norman Higgs  
Bat City, Mich.*

By supporting a ban on prayer in public schools, the ACLU shows that it believes anything goes—if it feels good, do it. And you are your own God.

We are losing our rights to keep our country great like it used to be.

*Eyline James  
Newaygo, Mich.*

**Washington Watched**

I want to correct the "Equal Opportunity" item in Cliff Kincaid's Washington Watch (December). The Coalition of Federal White Aviation Employees did not form because of any racial tensions. As far as we know, there is no rising of racial tensions within the Federal Aviation Administration. Our organization arose out of a policy dispute. The name of our organization was purposely chosen to illustrate how, despite the best of intentions, the personnel policies of the FAA and the government are splintering the work force into factions rather than unifying us into one cohesive unit.

*William L. Eckel  
McAlester, Okla.*

**LVER Debate**

Because I served as a Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) for 14 years, I feel compelled to re-

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**Correction**

In the November issue's Convention Highlights section, the names beneath the photographs of Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada past Dominion President George T. Campbell and Royal Canadian Legion First Vice President Hugh Greene were switched.

The magazine regrets the error.

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spond to W.A. Hatch's letter in the December issue ("Work To Be Done," Vetvoice). LVERs are hard working and very good at placing veterans in training and employment.

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*Richard D. Mann  
Kansas City, Kan.*

## Criminal Conduct

Thomas Mull's letter on prison boot camps ("No More Pampering," December) stinks to high heaven. A lot of us have learned to pamper ourselves and each other with love and respect so we won't generate more criminals.

*Leonard W. Lindstrom  
Bellingham, Wash.*

Mull hit the nail on the head. He is a man after my own heart. It seems criminals have more rights than victims. Of those who gather outside of prisons protesting capital punishment, how many have lit a candle or said a prayer for any of the victims? Parole boards should be abolished and prisoners should serve every day of their sentence.

*Oscar B. Monsen  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.*

## Pay Snub

I don't know where Charles J. Hanley got his information about WWII privates getting paid \$50 a month. If I remember correctly, our pay was \$30 a month. However, I think our combat pay was \$50 a month.

*George R. Friend  
Canton, Ohio*

## Lobbying Force

Jeffrey H. Birnbaum ("Washington Lobbying: Blessing or Curse?" December) downplayed the influence of lobbyists. That's hard to imagine when you look at the number of lobbyists and the

billions of dollars behind them. Money is power and that seems to be the goal of most, if not all, legislators.

*John F. Fay  
Grand Rapids, Mich.*

Lobbying should be a practice of the past. Because of special interests, we, the voting public, are kept in the dark. We are being denied our constitutional responsibility in directing our great nation toward the common good and not special interests.

*Edward E. Day  
San Antonio, Texas*

## Driven To Excellence

As a veteran and a 55 Alive/Mature Driving program instructor, I was delighted with the article "Driving Force" (December). Any senior who takes this program will be pleasantly surprised with the ease of the eight-hour course and the dramatic results he will experience at completion. Any insurance premium discount is just icing on the cake.

*Larry Mulvey  
Whitney Point, N.Y.*

## Lethal Legacy

Alan Reed, you are not alone ("Legacy Of War," Vetvoice, December). I, too, have had problems because of Agent Orange.

We were poisoned by dioxin and the government will never admit this until we are all dead. In my little part of the world, I know 20 vets who are in the same boat.

*Paul S. Bailey  
Bullard, Texas*

## Former Spouses Act

Let me add my support to the repeal of PL 97-252, the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act ("Spouse Protection," Veterans Update, November).

This 1983 law was retroactively applied to my 1977 divorce. My former spouse obtained a well-paying job after we divorced and she remarried. She receives considerably more income than I, but also gets an equal share of my military retirement, tax free.

When I become eligible for Social

Security in a couple of years, I will be required to pay the 28 percent rate on a portion of that income, even though my actual income will be near the poverty level. Add to this means testing for veterans' benefits and you can plainly see this is not a fair and equal law.

We need a "Former Servicemember Protection From Former Spouses Act."

*Jerry E. Brunk  
Defuniak Springs, Fla.*

## Exit Ramp

Those who own foreign cars instead of American-made automobiles should move to another country ("Driven To Write," Vetvoice, December). If they cannot support America, they have no right to enjoy the freedoms we have earned.

*W.J. Love  
Kentwood, Mich.*

We have a saying in eastern Washington: "When you lose your job, eat your damn foreign car!"

*Lu and Bill Luck  
Spokane, Wash.*

## Saluting Stories

You can't imagine how grateful I felt to read the article about Merchant Marines in World War II ("Merchant Marine: The Heroic Fourth Arm of Defense," December). I've waited a long time to see this tribute to the many who died next to their Navy shipmates.

*Robert J. Harrison  
Ridge, N.Y.*

I am a Vietnam veteran with one child in college and another about to enter. Needless to say, the article "Dollars For Scholars" (December) was extremely interesting. Keep up the good work. I extend a "Bravo Zulu" to you and your staff.

*Peter G. Letko  
Slingerlands, N.Y.*

## USS Akron Memorial

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# WILL CLINTON DELIVER A BETTER VA?

**I**THINK we need to focus the resources of the VA medical system on those Americans who have earned and deserve the best health care our nation can provide — our veterans," said President Bill Clinton, during his 1992 presidential campaign.

"In a Clinton administration, we will deliver," Clinton said.

The American Legion stands ready to assist President Clinton and VA Secretary Jesse Brown in succeeding in this commitment. It won't be easy.

Here's what must be done:

- **Reform VA Eligibility.** Veterans should be treated by VA based on their medical needs, not on resource availability. But today, a substantial number are unnecessarily turned away.

One big problem is that many veterans are eligible for such federally funded health-care programs as Medicare, Medicaid, Indian Health Service Benefits, CHAMPUS and CHAMPVA.

Many other veterans have some form of third-party payer coverage such as Blue Cross-Blue Shield, private insurance companies and health maintenance organizations.

VA should be allowed to be reimbursed for medical care from any of these programs so that more veterans can receive VA treatment. Today, because VA cannot collect from Medicare, VA treatment subsidizes Medicare with services costing \$2 billion per year.

- **Involve VA in National Health Care.** As the Clinton administration moves toward a national health-care system, VA's role in treating veterans must not be eliminated.

VA needs to carve out a niche in a national health-care system in order to preserve specialized care for veterans.

- **Keep VA for Veterans.** According to *The Washington Post*, Clinton may revive the idea of allowing nonveterans into VA facilities.



*National Cmdr. Roger A. Munson*

When thousands of veterans are turned away from VA medical care every year, how can these facilities be opened to nonveterans?

- **Stop Wasting VA Money.** Last year, acting VA Secretary Anthony Principi told The American Legion that VA's budget is riddled with pork barrel projects, as congressmen try to make points with their constituents.

Decorative water fountains, and multi-million dollar walkways that connect VA hospitals with universities, sometimes get money that could be used for treating veterans. Treating veterans must come first.

- **End Money Battles Between NASA and VA.** Today, VA competes for money with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) because its budget comes out of the same pool. Some in Congress have suggested that VA compete with the Defense Department for money.

It is wrong to pit veterans against space exploration or national defense. Veterans shouldn't have to compete for dollars they earned on the battlefield.

- **Take Care of Aging Veterans.** By 2000, VA could be treating as many as

9 million veterans who are 65 or older. That's two million more than now. But the problem facing VA is the need for long-term care.

The chronic, long-term needs of older patients is something VA must plan for, in terms of facilities and finances. (See "VA And The Aging Veteran," Page 16.)

- **Maintain VA's R&D.** One of VA's most productive medical roles, research and development (R&D), is not getting the money it needs to properly work on Alzheimer's disease, orthopedic medicine, geriatric care and cancer.

Despite VA's many medical breakthroughs, its R&D budget has been reduced by 25 percent over the past five years.

- **Speed up VA Claims.** Veterans who try to petition VA for benefits or treatment are forced to wait long periods of time. On average, a claim that is appealed after being denied at the VA Regional Office level takes nearly six months for a decision. Many veterans say it takes more than a year.

- **Compensate Agent Orange Victims.** Everybody — including VA — knows that Agent Orange causes serious health problems. It's time to stop playing with technicalities and take care of these veterans and their families.

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For more than a decade, money for VA medical care has been scarce and the agency has been unfairly burdened by cost-cutting within the government.

VA accounts for only 2 percent of total federal spending and couldn't possibly be responsible for the massive budget deficit.

Actually, over the past 10 years, VA spending has grown 36 percent while all federal spending has increased 105 percent. This is despite the skyrocketing cost of health care.

President Clinton's words have placed VA in the right direction. Now, the question is: Can he turn these words into actions? □

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# SHOULD THE UNITED STATES RESUME NUCLEAR TESTING?

**Sen. Pete V. Domenici (R-New Mexico)**

FOR DECADES, arms control advocates fought for a nuclear test ban as a symbol of their commitment to end the development of more advanced weapons of mass destruction. For the first time since the dawn of the nuclear era, the United States is not developing new nuclear weapons systems.

Although the United States is disassembling thousands of warheads, our nation will still be responsible for approximately 3,500 nuclear weapons by 2000. If we are to retain a nuclear deterrence arsenal, we must do so in a manner that reflects the grave responsibility of owning such a storehouse.

Primarily, we must ensure that this nuclear weapon stockpile is safe as physically possible.

First, warheads should be equipped with enhanced detonation safety systems to prevent accidental explosion.

Second, warheads should utilize insensitive high explosives that are resistant to explosion due to accidental impact, fire or shock.

Third, warheads should be designed to keep the conventional explosives isolated from the fissionable materials until the warheads are armed.

Underground testing is still required for several important reasons.

The foremost reason is that conditions inside a nuclear explosion simply cannot be simulated. Some requisite safety improvements are so closely linked to the thermonuclear explosion that they can only be tested in a full-blown discharge.

The technology may exist some day to adequately simulate a nuclear explosion so that we can test and improve safety systems without underground tests. However, in order to reach that stage, some tests are necessary to ensure that above ground simulators are accurate.

Finally, tests are critical to refining the judgment of scientists and engineers who must make the decisions concerning the safety of our nuclear weapons.

The argument that nuclear testing perpetuates the arms race and encourages nuclear weapons proliferation is no longer valid.

Testing ensures safety, and is not solely a political issue. Testing existing systems in order to make them safer will ensure that the United States lives up to the responsibility of maintaining a nuclear arsenal.

**YES**



**Rep. Mike Kopetski (D-Oregon)**

**NO**



ON OCT. 2, 1992, President Bush reluctantly approved a nine-month moratorium on U.S. nuclear testing, to be followed by a total halt in late 1996. In between, testing could resume to upgrade nuclear arsenal safety. Are these safety tests worth the political costs?

We must not waste this historic opportunity to stop nuclear testing forever. France and Russia are expected to extend their moratoria as long as the United States is not testing.

A resumption of U.S., Russian and French testing would break the current momentum for a universal test ban treaty.

Since the U.S. halt affects Britain as well (it tests at the Nevada site), China is the only nation with an active testing program. International pressure and isolation are essential to stop Chinese testing.

In the United States, the technical basis for resuming testing is questionable. The new restrictions only allow nuclear tests associated with the installation of three safety features: Insensitive High Explosives (IHE), Fire Resistant Pits (FRP), and Enhanced Nuclear Detonation Safety (ENDS). These are meant to reduce the chances that a nuclear warhead would release plutonium in an accident or fire.

However, all the weapons expected to be maintained in the nuclear arsenal have ENDS; there is no reason to test for this purpose.

The incorporation of FRPs already was rejected by the Air Force because the safety benefits are not worth the effort. The IHE issue could be resolved with just a few nuclear tests, but the Pentagon sees no need to incorporate IHE into existing weapons.

Safety upgrades would not come without technical costs. If new weapons are placed in the arsenal before testing is totally halted in 1996, there is little time to explore the possible problems these warheads could develop.

There is, then, a trade-off between safety and reliability, and the benefits of safety modifications are not clear-cut.

A primary goal of the Clinton administration should be the enactment of a global test ban treaty. This goal is more readily achievable if nuclear test sites remain silent. Are nuclear safety tests worth resurrecting testing in the United States, Russia, France and Britain? I think not.

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## Vietnam Hot Seat

Expect the new Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Vietnam veteran Jesse Brown, to publicly question the pace of normalization of relations with communist Vietnam. Brown has said he wants to concentrate on federal services for veterans. But it will be difficult for him to avoid pressure from other Vietnam veterans to oppose the growing momentum for economic and financial aid to Hanoi.

The normalization process, accelerated during the final days of the Bush administration, is being derided by some as an attempt to "prop up" Hanoi, comparable to the courtship of Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Syria's Hafez Assad. In anticipation of the lifting of the 18-year-old trade embargo, the Bush administration authorized U.S. companies to open offices in Hanoi after the Vietnamese promised photos, files and other information about U.S. POW/MIA's.

Companies identified as interested in doing business with Vietnam include United Technologies, Caterpillar, American International Group, Fluor-Daniel, Exxon, Amoco, Chevron, Proctor & Gamble, Coca-Cola, Boeing and Eastman Kodak.

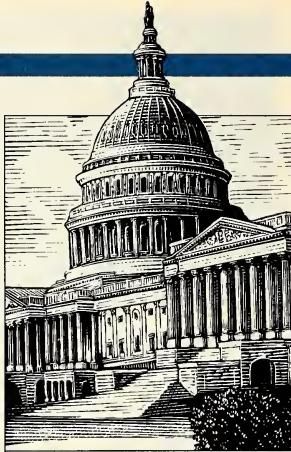
There's another possible roadblock in the way of normalization—continued interest by Hanoi in expanding its military influence in Southeast Asia. Some say Hanoi hasn't fully cooperated in the implementation of the Cambodian peace settlement.

## NAFTA Dead

Don't expect President Bill Clinton to get the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) through Congress, even if it is renegotiated. Fears of cheap labor abroad and the increasing clout of organized labor in Congress mean the agreement liberalizing trade between the United States, Canada and Mexico is considered a dead deal.

Analysts note that Congress' 1991 authorization for "fast track" negotiations toward NAFTA completion passed by only 39 votes in the House. Organized labor thinks it has the 20 votes needed to turn it around. Another potent argument against NAFTA: It would phase out border checks that have confiscated tremendous amounts of illegal drugs from Mexico.

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## WASHINGTON WATCH

*By Cliff Kincaid*

### Tax on Gas

Taking a leaf out of Ross Perot's notebook, the new administration is expected to push for a hike in the federal gas tax to help reduce the deficit. But it will probably be 15 cents a gallon over three years, not Perot's 50-cent a gallon rise over five years. Some major car companies likely will go along because they think it will make some of their slow-selling small cars more attractive to consumers.

### New Drug Policies

The controversial nomination of Arkansas health chief Joycelyn Elders as Surgeon General signals a change in the federal government's "war on drugs." Elders favors marijuana as "medicine," despite the fact it has not been certified by the Food and Drug Administration for legitimate medical use.

Also, look for these changes in government drug policies:

- The administration will review the community-based "Weed and Seed" program touted by the Bush administration as its most successful crime and drug-fighting effort. The program, which combines stepped-up federal law enforcement efforts and social services follow-up, has been criticized as "repressive."

• Congress and the administration will try to reform federal anti-drug property forfeiture laws that permit property to be taken away from suspected drug dealers and their associates before they are convicted. Critics believe these far-reaching laws are unfair to those who may never be charged with drug crimes, or who eventually are acquitted. Lawmakers hope these reforms will prevent the U.S. Supreme Court from ruling against forfeiture programs.

• While proceeding with plans for a new 100,000-strong federal Police Corps, President Clinton will reject recommendations that some of the new officers be deployed to eradicate the domestic marijuana crop. Peter Reuter of the Rand Corporation, the Clinton transition official auditing the Drug Enforcement Administration, is considered a strong critic of source eradication and interdiction efforts.

### Gay Compromise

Look for the following compromise on homosexuals in the military: admission of open homosexuals in return for mandatory AIDS testing twice—not just once—a year; creation of gay-only military units; and immediate courts-martial if any evidence surfaces of sexual improprieties.

### Iran Trade

The administration is bracing for a showdown with Europe over allied economic, financial and technology assistance to Iran. Japan and Germany are against imposing an embargo against Iran of "dual use" technologies that can be used for civilian or military purposes. Iran has already purchased a Russian submarine and some believe it is interested in buying or developing nuclear weapons.

### Nature's Prosecutor

Despite the controversy caused by Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh and his six-year Iran-Contra investigation, Congress is expected to reauthorize the Ethics of Government Act that set up the Office of Independent Counsel. There's a new twist: With prodding from Vice President Al Gore, the law may be expanded to authorize Independent Counsels or Special Prosecutors to investigate environmental crimes by business. □

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# THE DIVIDEND 'PAY CUT'

With the high interest rates and security of the '80s gone, today's investors are looking beyond CDs and T-notes for profitable returns.



By William Sullivan

**I**F YOU rely on steady income from your investments, the 1990s have been a difficult time for you.

In the 1980s, fixed-income investments such as U.S. Treasury Bonds yielded returns as high as 14 percent. Today, they yield 6 percent or less. Certificates of deposit (CDs), money market funds and bank savings accounts have seen similar declines—rates less than 4 percent are not uncommon.

As a result, like other income investors, you have experienced a pay cut of sorts, receiving less from your investments than you have in the past.

And, when your higher-paying investments reach maturity, you are faced with reinvesting your principal in securities that return half or less than what you used to.

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Making matters worse, interest rates aren't likely to return to the lofty levels of the 1980s any time soon. The slowed growth of our country's economy and the accompanying low rate of annual inflation will keep any rise in interest rates modest over the near term.

In order to find attractive levels of reliable income, you may have to look beyond money market funds, CDs and other fixed-income investments.

This is a difficult decision if you're accustomed to making your investment decisions solely on the basis of safety considerations. Attractive income investments, however, can be found in the equity markets if you know where to look.

Certain stocks can meet the need for a steady flow of current income by paying dividends to investors. Dividends, as a source of income, carry an added bonus: They have the potential to increase in the future, unlike the fixed payments made by bonds and CDs.

In addition, the prices of the stocks themselves can move higher, offering you the opportunity for capital gains. Such growth can put you in a better position to keep up with or exceed inflation, which erodes the purchasing power of your dollars over time.

Investing for income in the equity markets does have risks. While the principal of a fixed-income investment such as a CD or Treasury security is protected from any loss at maturity by the U.S. government, fluctuations in the market price of your stocks can lower the value of your investment. Another risk is that companies, because of business difficulties, can decide to lower their dividend payments.

These possibilities make careful selection extremely important. For example, you should be wary of a company that pays very high dividends in relation to its earnings. This situation can indicate that a company is facing difficult times and may cut its payments in the future.

Income investors generally are drawn to the stocks of companies in industries that have a long, relatively stable track record of providing attractive investment opportunities. For example, many utility stocks typically provide relatively attractive income and the opportunity for growth, depending on the circumstances of the individual company.

Within the utility category, the stocks of electric utilities traditionally pay dividends that result in relatively high yields. Like bond prices, the price of these securities usually moves with the overall level of interest rates, rising when rates fall and dropping when rates increase. The result is that their yields are frequently competitive with fixed-income investments.

Telecommunications companies are another possibility. As a rule, their dividend yields are attractive, although their yields are usually less than those of most electric utility stocks.

On the other hand, their stocks tend to offer a greater opportunity for price appreciation because the companies may participate in growing technologies, such as cellular telephone service.

Stock market investments are not limited to just common stocks. Companies also issue what are called convertible securities, which pay either fixed dividends or interest and usually provide a higher yield than a company's common stock. The securities are called convertibles because they may be exchanged for a specified amount of common stock.

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**By Ken Scharnberg**

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The doctors were right. Paul had a stroke late last year. His left side is par-

*By 2000, VA could be treating 9 million veterans older than 65.*

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*How can VA handle their numbers, their treatment and their special needs?*



alyzed and he has trouble speaking. Now that his condition is acute and requires hospitalization, VA can treat him.

"I guess I should be grateful to be alive," Paul says, "but I can't help but wish that VA would have treated me before my stroke instead of waiting...but they said I wasn't eligible."

Paul's situation exposes the heart of the relationship between VA and older veterans: VA can respond to veterans'

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"VA must follow the old saying, 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it,'" says Paul Pobuda, Connecticut Department Service Officer (DSO) and president of The American Legion Service Officer Association. "They treat veterans like a car that's low on oil. But, instead of adding oil and avoiding a problem, they wait until the engine blows up before they do anything."

Even when VA attempts to satisfy veterans' long-term care needs, its hands become tied.

Take the case of WWI veteran and Legionnaire Peter Phelps. When the infirmities of age finally caught up with him, Phelps received care at the VA nursing home in Sioux Falls, S.D. For more than 10 years, Phelps, who had no family, enjoyed life at the home, where he spent many hours with his fellow veterans swapping stories and sharing experiences.

Like so many veterans, he believed VA would have a place for him when he grew old. Although some would argue that no law is written requiring VA to care for aging veterans, the promise was certainly implied.

During hearings before joint congressional committees on veterans af-

fairs, on Dec. 9, 1932, Gen. Frank T. Hines, the first administrator of Veterans Affairs, said, "They (veterans), when their time comes, through age, disability, or inability to carry on, should be cared for equally, and then when they are gone, their dependents should be likewise adequately cared for.

"Having once adopted the fundamental principles of a national policy, we should leave it alone."

No member of Congress disagreed.

But Hines' vision of VA did not foresee the political and economic pressures that VA would face. And promises made by recruiters or by politicians, don't carry the weight of law.

So, five years ago, changes in VA policies forced Phelps out of the VA

nursing home and into a private facility. For budget-driven reasons, VA was forced to discontinue most long-term, chronic care and concentrate on short-term, acute care.

Phelps, placed in a new, unfamiliar, private nursing home, died last year, a lonely and disillusioned man. South Dakota DSO Jim Deremo says, without the comradeship of his fellow veterans, Phelps just gave up and wasted away.

"It would be easy to point a finger and say this is VA's fault," says Chet Stellar, Chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission. "The truth is, it is a problem for our legislators."

VA operates under a series of laws known as the United States Code (USC) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Two small words—"shall" and "may"—dictate what VA *must* do and what it *may* do, if it has the resources.

According to the CFR, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs *shall* treat eligible veterans for their service-connected disabilities. In other words, it's mandatory.

However, when it comes to long-term health care, the Secretary *may* allow eligible veterans nursing home care. It's discretionary, depending on money, space and the good will of the local VA administrator.

Previously, the "shall/may" language of the law mostly affected veterans whose medical conditions were non-service-connected, according to Stellar. Now, because of budget concerns, Stellar says the "shall/may" language is al-

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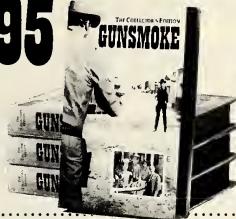
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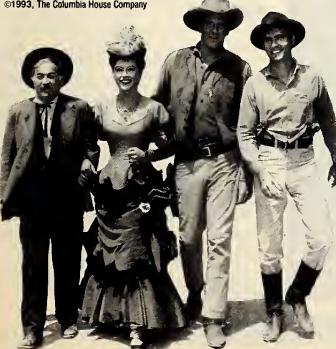
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## POW / MIA'S

# THE NEXT WAR

## How Far Should America Go To Bring Them Home?

By Miles Z. Epstein

**L**AST YEAR, the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs completed a \$1.9 million, 15-month investigation that revealed a horrible secret: American POWs were abandoned after World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

And they were abandoned not by the military, but by politicians who weren't willing to risk lives to get them back.

If war breaks out tomorrow, the United States is in danger of repeating the mistakes that may have sent thousands of POWs to their deaths. Worse, the next war may result in even more U.S. POWs and MIAs than ever before.

Today, under the cover of darkness, modern helicopters and fighter planes can drop our troops deep behind enemy lines. So deep, says former Delta Force Commander Rod Paschall, that in future conflicts, "We're more likely to have pilots and infantry soldiers missing in action."

The good news, says Paschall, a retired Army colonel and Vietnam combat veteran, is that these "long-range, air-refuelable, night-vision-equipped helicopters provide the United States with a much greater capability to rescue downed pilots and U.S. POWs in future wars."

"The U.S. Armed Forces are prepared to use new technology—high-



**"BY RETALIATING, we are ensuring no more Americans are ever taken. It's worth going to war over."**



ADM. THOMAS H. MOORER  
Former JCS chairman

Miles Z. Epstein is managing editor of THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine.

tech helicopters and location devices—to bring missing troops home more often and more rapidly," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael E. Ryan, vice director for strategic plans and policy for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in an interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine.

The bad news, experts insist, is that politics often overpowers the U.S. military's commitment and capability to assist POWs and MIAs.

How can America better protect those it sends into combat?

To find an answer to this question, THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine met with senators on Capitol Hill, military leaders at the Pentagon and the nation's top analysts.

We learned that there are nine steps that must be taken to ensure that no American POW is ever left behind.

**1 Let the world know that our resolve to bring all Americans home includes diplomatic sanctions, economic embargoes and military retaliation.**

"Anytime an American is seized or killed, we should take physical retribution for that act," says retired Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1970-1974). "We've set a precedent that the United States will do nothing."

"By retaliating, we are not risking lives just to save one man," Moorer explains, "but ensuring that no more Americans are ever taken."

"I think it's worth going to war over."



**SHOW OF FORCE**—Sometimes saying "please" isn't enough to obtain the release of POWs. In such cases, military retaliation by carrier-based fighter jets such as the F/A-18A Hornet, above, may be needed for emphasis.

American foreign policy since the Vietnam War has been inconsistent, leading many to believe that there may not be a policy at all—especially when it comes to POW/MIA's in Southeast Asia.

After 20 years, seven formal government investigations and more than 1,567 first-hand live-sightings of U.S. POWs, 2,266 Americans remain unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

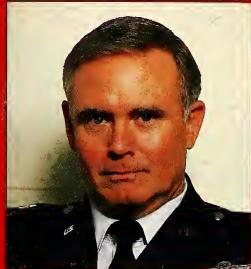
America, it appears, has done everything and nothing to resolve the POW/MIA issue.

#### MIXED SIGNALS

From an 18-year economic embargo



**TRAGEDY**—In 1992, the remains of a Marine are returned from Vietnam. After 20 years, U.S. servicemen are still coming home.



MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL E. RYAN  
JCS strategy chief

**"THE MILITARY  
is prepared to  
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## POW MIA

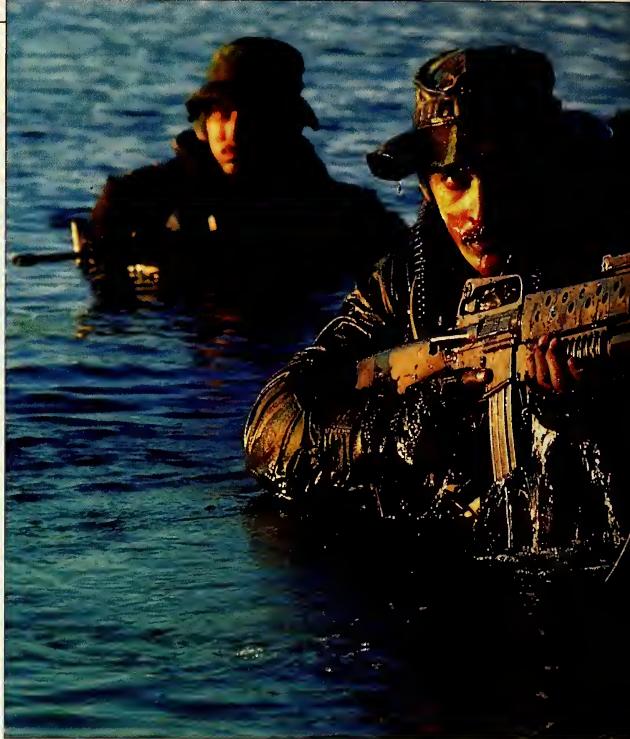
that cripples Vietnam's economy to a 1981 failed CIA rescue mission, the United States has asserted itself on behalf of missing American servicemen in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

On the other hand, U.S. officials who speak openly about the possibility of live POWs are discredited or replaced. Take Garnett E. Bell, retired Army Col. Millard A. Peck, and the minority staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as examples.

Bell, as chief of the U.S. Office for POW/MIA Affairs in Hanoi, testified before the Senate in 1991 that 10 U.S. POWs were left behind in Southeast Asia. Bell was reassigned after his statement.

Peck, a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, also spoke of U.S. POWs left behind in Southeast Asia. In 1991, he resigned as chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA) Special Office for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action because no one was listening. According to the Congressional Research Service, he was "simultaneously relieved of his duties for alleged incompetence."

And following Peck's resignation, the



## WHAT MUST BE DONE THE NEXT TIME

**H**OW can America protect its captured and missing military personnel in future wars? How can America be sure no one is left behind? According to the experts, these nine steps can bring our people home.

- 1 Let the world know that our resolve to bring all Americans home includes diplomatic sanctions, economic embargoes and military retaliation.
- 2 Establish rules of engagement for war and peacekeeping that protect prisoners and missing.
- 3 Centralize intelligence to keep track of those in combat, captured and missing.
- 4 Treat the hunt for POW/MIAs as an unsolved crime.
- 5 Offer asylum to foreign citizens who help recover POWs.
- 6 End the secrecy on the POW/MIA issue.
- 7 Set up a group that really helps POW/MIA families.
- 8 Provide theater commanders with well-trained and well-equipped combat search and rescue forces.
- 9 Appoint a permanent presidential commission or congressionally approved government board on POW/MIAs to recommend, plan and monitor.—M.Z.E. □



**HUNTING**—Navy SEALs invaded jungle POW camps during the Vietnam War. They may be ordered on similar missions in future conflicts.

minority staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations released a report, *An Examination of U.S. Policy Toward POW/MIA*, that also concluded that U.S. POWs were left behind in Southeast Asia. The minority staff was fired.

What kind of message are we sending potential adversaries about our resolve on the POW issue when those who point out government inaction are discredited or removed?

#### DEAD OR ALIVE

In 1992, those who came before the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs seemed to confirm the conclusion reached by Bell, Peck and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee minority staff.

Only after the initial disclosures had a chance to sink in did the enormity of

the scandal become fully apparent: Thousands of American servicemen who were captured by the North Vietnamese were not released in 1973 after the Vietnam War.

Although the United States expected more than 5,000 POWs to be repatriated—based on personal letters from the prisoners—the North Vietnamese returned only 591.

Yet, without knowing what happened to these men, President Richard Nixon stood before the nation and proclaimed: "...all our courageous prisoners of war [have been] set free and [are] here back home in America."

They were not all home. U.S. POWs were probably left behind, according to sworn testimony by former Defense Secretaries Melvin R. Laird (1969-1973), Elliot L. Richardson (1973) and James R. Schlesinger (1973-1974).

Before the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, Schlesinger testified that—after accounting for those who died in captivity according to returning POWs—between 474 and 478

ARMED COMMUNICATIONS



**PUNCH**—Using rigid raiding craft, above, U.S. Marines could launch swift amphibious assaults as part of POW rescue operations.



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**LIFESAVER**—Trained combat search and rescue teams can save downed U.S. pilots from capture or death.

# POW MIA

U.S. prisoners were not repatriated.

Policy-makers don't like to talk about the idea of acceptable losses. It makes them sound cold and insensitive.

But it is clear that U.S. POWs in Vietnam were viewed in that light.

As a 1985 RAND study demonstrates, if politicians start thinking of acceptable losses, they're going to get the losses they think are acceptable.

According to RAND, the U.S. State Department's mission during the Vietnam War was not to bring home U.S. POWs, but rather, to make sure they didn't interfere with foreign policy.

The State Department "became concerned that the POW issue could drag the war on much longer than militarily necessary," RAND concluded. "Its major task was to prevent the POW issue from being blown out of proportion and prolonging the conflict."

In other words, peace at any price.

"We sued for peace, got a deal and didn't do anything to get back many of the POWs we knew or suspected were alive," says retired Air Force Gen. John W. Vogt, former 7th Air Force commander, Vietnam. "We should have resumed the bombing."

## CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

What took 9,000 bombs to do in World War II, and 300 bombs in Vietnam, we can do with one today. Should we start bombing Hanoi until they account for our POW/MIA?

"We can't go back," says Roger A. Munson, National Commander of The American Legion. "We can't bomb Vietnam in 1993 because we didn't have the courage to fight for the return of our POWs in 1973."

What can the United States do today to resolve the POW/MIA issue?

Vietnam uses what *Time* magazine's Strobe Talbott calls, "The Villain's Advantage." Vietnamese communists, as devout totalitarians, exploit America's commitment to individual human life by toying with the POW/MIA issue.

In addition to the nearly 500 American POWs former Defense Secretary Schlesinger says were left behind, the Vietnamese also are holding some 400 remains to be used to win money from the United States, according to the Congressional Research Service.

"If Americans who didn't have to die

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were killed by the Vietnamese, that's murder, that's a war crime," former Delta Force Commander Paschall says. "And there's no statute of limitations on war crimes.

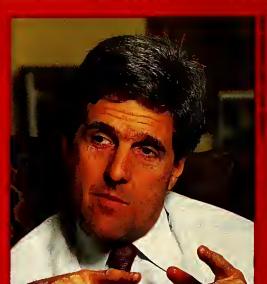
"If this is what happened, by God there ought to be some accounting and possibly even retribution," says Paschall, who ruled out military retaliation.

For now, America continues to impose an economic embargo on the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as leverage against Hanoi's crafty communists. But there is even talk in Congress of lifting that sanction without a full accounting.

As Adm. Moorer points out, a precedent was set after Vietnam that—given a range of options—the United States would do nothing to protect those it sends into combat.

"If we want to create a new precedent, let's keep the embargo in place until the Vietnamese tell the truth about our missing," says Munson.

"If we want to fulfill our battlefield covenant in future wars—that no American will ever be left behind—then we shouldn't wait 20 years to talk



SEN. JOHN F. KERRY  
Led POW/MIA committee

**"THERE SHOULDN'T be any politics in the accounting process. It only gets in the way of progress."**



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**LIBERATORS**—Marines train in hostage rescue, left and top right. Above, a helicopter destroyed in the 1979 ill-fated Iran-hostage rescue illustrates the need for good equipment.

about retaliating the next time a country tries to use... 'The Villain's Advantage,'" says Munson.

## 2 Establish rules of engagement for war and peacekeeping that protect prisoners and missing.

It has been said that no plan survives contact with the enemy. But just as formal declarations of war seem to be a thing of the past, so do traditional military operations.

Since Congress has declared peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance to be "valid military missions," the U.S. Armed Forces are now being deployed without a plan or an enemy.

As *Newsweek* noted during the U.S. peacekeeping operation in Somalia, "the rules for compassionate intervention have not been spelled out yet."

No plan. No enemy. No protection for prisoners and missing.

### POWs IN PEACETIME

How can America protect the troops it

sends into undeclared wars, or on peacekeeping or humanitarian missions?

Rules of engagement are needed.

In the 1983 Grenada invasion, U.S. forces were told that enemy prisoners were not POWs even though the operation was an armed conflict.

And during the 1983 U.S. peacekeeping mission in Beirut, a Navy aviator, Lt. Robert O. Goodman, was shot down while conducting an air raid over Syrian-held territory in Lebanon. He was captured by the Syrians.

Goodman, the first pilot to be shot down in combat since the Vietnam War, was classified as a hostage—not a POW.

"To deny Goodman POW status removed him from the highest protected status to a category with no defined legal rights," noted attorney James H. Jeffries in a 1984 U.S. Naval Institute *Proceedings* article.

If an adversary classifies all captured U.S. servicemen as hostages, they are not only without legal rights, they are usually taken at a time when combat search and rescue missions are not

authorized. Thus, military rescue or retaliation becomes a political, not military issue.

While the Department of Defense (DoD) works on POW issues, the State Department usually handles hostages.

Perhaps the United States could benefit from the example set by Israel, a country who has regular experience with war and violence.

"The Israelis have regarded terrorism [the taking of military personnel during peacetime] as declared, unconventional warfare for years," notes a 1986 *Proceedings* article by U.S. Naval Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Douglas S. Derr. "They have a clear, well-coordinated policy and a defined response to terrorist incidents."

An Israeli-style policy, suggested Derr, "would have practical advantages" for the United States as well.

# POW MIA

Today, taking a U.S. soldier prisoner during peacetime is an act of terrorism—not war—because a hostage, unlike a POW, is illegally held. One possible exception is peacekeeping authorized by a U.N. resolution, which is discussed later in this article.

To protect U.S. troops during Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, the Pentagon did move one step closer to an Israeli-style policy. Unlike the 1983 Beirut peacekeeping mission, Marines in Somalia were given more authority to protect themselves.

At a DoD press conference during the operation, former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney announced that U.S. forces were "authorized to take whatever steps they feel are necessary to defend themselves and their charges, including, if necessary, taking pre-emptive action to forestall hostile actions aimed at them."

In his book, *On Strategy: A Critical Analysis of the Vietnam War*, retired Army Col. Harry Summers Jr. opposes peacekeeping and humanitarian missions for the military in principle.

"The armed forces shouldn't be used as a signaling device," Summers says.



SEN. ROBERT C. SMITH  
On POW/MIA committee

**"IF WE'RE going  
into combat, then  
we must make sure  
no U.S. POW is  
ever left behind."**

He states that the United States should let the military do what it was designed for, "fight wars."

The United States needs to be sure POW status is given to troops who are taken during peacekeeping and humanitarian operations. Or it should follow Summers' advice, and keep U.S. forces out of combat engagements if they cannot be protected.

## POWS AND PEACEKEEPING

Amid the blood and guts of war, it's sometimes hard to believe there are international laws that govern how it should be fought. But the only protection for a captured GI comes from the Geneva Conventions.

U.S. POWs are entitled to legal rights in "all cases of declared war or any other armed conflict" between two or more parties, "even if the state of war is not recognized by one of them."

When are peacekeeping and humanitarian missions considered "armed conflicts?"

"Whenever peacekeeping and humanitarian missions are carried out under a United Nations resolution, clearly the Geneva Conventions are in force," says Lawrence J. Korb, a defense expert at the Brookings Institution. "But to protect its troops, the United States must make it clear at the very beginning of the operation...that the Geneva Conventions apply."

In his *Proceedings* article, attorney Jeffries argues for an even broader interpretation of what constitutes an armed conflict.

"In international law," writes Jeffries, "the words 'armed conflict' have no special or legalistic meaning. If organized military forces are trading live rounds, the situation, for purposes of the Geneva Conventions, is an armed conflict."

Neither Korb's criteria for armed conflict nor that of Jeffries is currently accepted by the Pentagon.

According to Defense Department Directive 1300.7, which originally established Code of Conduct training, American troops deployed during peacetime are not protected by the Geneva Conventions.

"Since a state of armed conflict does not exist, there is no protection afforded under the Geneva Conventions," says the directive.

During Operation Restore Hope, THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine asked DoD whether a captured Marine in So-



malia would be considered a POW or a hostage.

No one could answer the question.

## 3 Centralize intelligence to keep track of those in combat, captured and missing.

"The American intelligence community has to be reorganized," former Delta Force Commander Paschall says. "It needs to be made more responsive to America's needs."

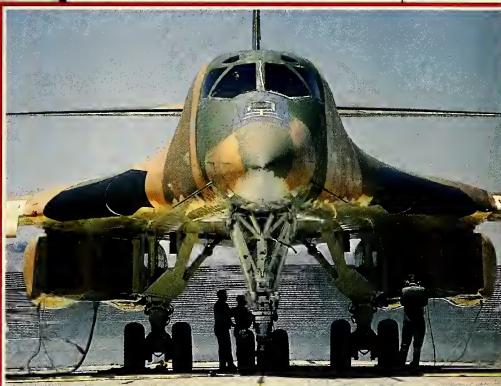
From Vietnam to Desert Storm, the agencies that collected intelligence have often not known what to do with it. And, it appears, this has jeopardized the lives of POWs and MIAs.

## MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

"People died in Vietnam because POW/MIA intelligence was so highly classified, and it didn't get to the right people," says retired Air Force Master Sgt. Jerry Mooney, a former National Security Agency (NSA) code-breaker and intelligence analyst who tracked POW/MIAs.



**RETALIATE**—When U.S. POWs are treated brutally, as Hanoi did, America must respond with force, such as these Stealth and B-1 bombers, experts insist.



"The data should have gone right to the tactical commanders, the fighter wing commanders, the infantry commanders," where it could be acted on immediately, Mooney says.

DIA and NSA, both Pentagon-run agencies, didn't share POW/MIA intelligence and wasted valuable time, according to retired Air Force Tech. Sgt. Terry Minarcin, a former NSA analyst who worked for Mooney.

"There was a black hole between 1965 and 1970, where none of the data went forward," Mooney adds. "So the DIA didn't know what NSA was doing and the CIA didn't know what DIA was doing."

DIA made things worse in 1971. "While at the spigot of POW/MIA intelligence, DIA classified information as it was received and buried it in file cabinets," says John F. Sommer Jr., executive director of The American Legion's Washington Office.

"POW/MIA intelligence is useless if it never gets past the DIA," adds Sommer, a Vietnam combat veteran. "DIA can only analyze information—it can't order troops to rescue POWs."

Former DIA Director, retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Eugene Tighe, says Sommer is absolutely right.

"The DIA is not an action oriented agency," Tighe says. "It's a collector of intelligence—classifying it, analyzing it and passing it on to other agencies for action."

"The DIA Director reports directly to the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and either of those people can authorize military action on behalf of a POW," Tighe explains.

"If information stays at the DIA level only—in a file cabinet somewhere—nothing can be done, absolutely nothing," Sommer says.

#### IMPROVING INTELLIGENCE

Unfortunately, the lack of centralized intelligence that plagued the United States during Vietnam hurt U.S. operations in the 1980s and 1990s as well.

As reported in *The New York Times*, DoD waited nearly a year to analyze satellite intelligence of possible live

POWs in Southeast Asia during the 1980s. In 1991, Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf complained that battlefield commanders often lacked timely, centralized intelligence during Operation Desert Storm.

Schwarzkopf's words did not go unnoticed.

DoD created a new Central Imagery Office to coordinate the distribution of intelligence and photography throughout its agencies.

Air Force Intelligence was restructured to "consolidate intelligence missions and functions."

And a Central Documentation Office was established for all U.S. government POW/MIA information and intelligence.

"We've seen some superficial  
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# WHAT'S WRONG WITH 'GOOD' GOVERNMENT

*It's not enough to have decent officials in Washington, says Alan L. Keyes, ex-president of Citizens Against Government Waste. They must care about reining in government. And we, the people, must become government watchdogs again.*

**W**HY, despite all our efforts to reform Congress, control spending, reduce taxes and pay off the national debt, are we in worse shape than ever?

We have relied too much on government and too little on our own initiative, argues Alan L. Keyes, former president of Citizens Against Government Waste. He says our Founders knew that government could be a threat to liberty; they prophetically warned future generations not to grow too dependent on it.

Keyes has been assistant Secretary of State, U.S. vice consul to India, interim president at Alabama A&M University, and special ambassador to the U.N. Economic and Social Council. A Harvard Ph.D., he is working on books about self-government and diplomacy.

In 1967, Keyes won the Legion's National Oratorical contest and also served as the National Boy's Nation president. Last year he was the Maryland Republican candidate for senator, losing out to incumbent Barbara Mikulski.

This interview is adapted from an article in *Imprimis*, a publication of Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.

**American Legion Magazine:** With all the talk in Washington about reducing the federal deficit, why does it continue to rise?

**Alan L. Keyes:** Can you recall how a rocket shimmers as it leaves the ground then starts to streak into the sky so fast that it is impossible to follow with the naked eye? That is our national debt. It is well past the shimmering stage and is streaking out of sight.

Americans have every right to be frightened and angry about this. The debt is not an abstraction. It is real, just like a rocket. But our politicians have been dealing with large num-

bers for so long that they seem to have forgotten. It is nothing for them to routinely round off numbers to the nearest million or billion dollars.

And that's part of the problem. Rounding off large numbers is the rule in virtually all federal agencies and departments. They never see the missing figures and they don't think about them much.

In this context, it becomes very easy to forget that a "hundred" in a memo you're reading represents a hundred million. Why, that's not even one billion, you might say once you have been in Washington awhile. You get into that habit. And it's a habit that reveals a great deal about the transformation that takes place when an individual spends a lot of time working in and around the federal government.

**Q. Can the voters change this mindset?**

**A.** Most voters think, "Ah, if only we could send really good people to Washington. They wouldn't develop those habits, and then finally we would have good government."

It is true that sending good people to Washington is essential to good government. I do not want to minimize the importance of this. But neither good people nor "good government" are enough.

We send good people to Washington all the time. They are competent, successful people loaded with integrity, courage and common sense—at least until they get into office. We have even had "good government" as it is defined by those in government. But Washington is still a mess.

**Q. Why?**

**A.** One obvious reason is the sheer size of the federal budget. In January 1992, President Bush unveiled his proposed budget for the 1993 fiscal year. It was called "dead on arrival" by some in Congress who pronounced that it was



## HIGHLIGHTS

### *Alan L. Keyes On...*

**Our officials:** "We put them in a system where success depends not upon results produced, but upon how much money is controlled and how many people are commanded."

**Self-government:** "It is not about producing a utopia through the instrument of state. We would not want those results on the terms offered."

**Grassroots:** "We must return power to individuals and to local government."

**Regulation:** "It is a hidden expenditure that never shows up in a budget. Regulatory costs passed along to the consumer average \$4,000 per household."

**Taxes:** "The power to tax is the power to destroy."

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just too little. What was too little to them? The total was \$1,516,700,000,000—rounded off, of course, to the nearest \$100 million.

And that didn't count the "off-budget" entitlements, money the federal government is already committed to spend that the public never hears about. This amounts to about \$5 trillion in civil and military pensions, Social Security payments and other unfunded liabilities.

**Q.** Is there more government spending the people don't hear about?

**A.** There is much more. Government regulation is another kind of hidden expenditure that never shows up in any proposed budget. The regulatory costs passed along to the consumer in the form of higher prices total \$400 billion each year, or an average of \$4,000 per household.

And, as if that weren't enough, direct taxation, added to Social Security payroll deduction for employers and employees, is now a staggering 52-60 percent of the GNP.

**Q.** What effect did the "deficit reduction package," passed in 1990, have on the deficit?

The \$200 million in new taxes, approved by President Bush when he reneged on his "no new taxes" pledge, were supposed to be solely devoted to reducing the deficit and were to be coupled with significant spending cuts at all levels. Many were skeptical that this would actually happen, and it didn't. Congress slid out from under the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law and ever since has been producing the largest deficits in American history: \$280 billion in 1991, and \$400 billion in 1992.

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# WHEN THE QUITTING IS GOOD



ILLUSTRATION BY JEFF SCAVER

**I**N AN industry where job tenure often is measured in weeks, never years, John Severino was the rarest of breeds: a contented ABC-TV lifer with lengthy service as president of the network's glamorous, high-profile Los Angeles affiliate.

That is, until he abruptly jumped ship to sign on as chief executive officer and part owner of Prime Ticket, a cable sports channel.

"I wasn't looking for a change. I was happy where I was," says Severino. But when the offer came, he just couldn't say no.

He's not alone. One week not too long ago, the president of Alcoa, the chief financial officer of Campbell Soup and the head librarian of the affluent Beverly Hills Library all resigned from apparently secure positions.

What's going on?

"Quitting is a fact of life today. Odds are, you will have a new job inside of five years," explains Diane LaMountain, a Richmond, Va., organizational development consultant.

That is a dramatic flip-flop from just a few decades ago when job changing happened so rarely that it was viewed as "abnormal, pathological, bordering on mental disturbance because of the disruption of a person's life," according to professor Eugene Jennings of Michigan State University.

Today, even in recessionary times, quitting has become "the best strategy for career advancement in most instances," says LaMountain.

As government and business shrink their organizations by reducing their work force, chances for promotions drop accordingly. This fuels the escalation in quitting, LaMountain says. "Large jumps in responsibility or income rarely go to those who stay in one company. To get either, usually a move is necessary."

None of this necessarily adds up to a

*Freelance writer Robert McGarvey authored "The New Selfishness" which appeared in the May 1992 issue of this magazine.*

prescription to quit, however. "Always be looking for another job—that's the central message," says LaMountain. "Even if you don't move, if you're continually looking, you have a solid reading on your marketability. Know that, and likely you'll do even better work where you are, since you'll have enhanced self-confidence and willingness to take risks."

What about company loyalty?

On the employer side, too, matters have changed. "Jobs for life" once was a slogan of many organizations and the

and forcing him to fire you. When you're unhappy, it's better to take direct action and quit."

But, won't a jumping-bean approach to employment mar a resume?

No longer, says executive trainer Christopher Hegarty, author of *How to Manage Your Boss*. "Although chronic job switching will label you as a bad risk, most employers are not as wary of moderate job changing as they once were, particularly when you can point to substantially increased responsibilities and income."

Nor is the quest for more salary the only reason to quit, says consultant Richard Irish, author of *Go Hire Yourself An Employer*. "There's a case to be made for taking a cut in pay and assuming a less responsible job if its one you're certain to love," he says. "Friends might think you're crazy, your current employer may question your judgment, and spouses and loved ones may think it's risky, but that's the price of fulfillment."

"There is no one right reason to quit a job," consultant Schuster concludes. "Often it's because you don't get along with your boss. Perhaps you've gotten too good at the job—it's become boring and you're going stale. Maybe it's that you want to start your own business or you decide to relocate to another state.

There are an infinite number of reasons why people quit jobs and any can be valid."

But, what if you are happy with your current position?

Congratulations—but don't put quitting entirely out of mind. "There aren't 'perfect' jobs, just ones that are most appropriate for us at a given time," says Schuster. "And those jobs may not last, not in today's environment."

On the other hand, what if you're already thinking about seeking lusher pastures? For starters, don't dash off a resignation letter just yet. Hold off until you've closely examined your current job.

What's your future look like in your current company? How does that compare with your peers? Be honest with yourself. If you dislike laboring long hours, and weekends off are your favorite moments, don't expect your salary to match the income of 80-hour

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# A BETTER WAY TO KEEP THE PEACE

By Timothy Stanley

**AUGUST 1990**—Iraq threatens to invade Kuwait, which asks the U.N. Security Council for help. It dispatches the U.N. Legion to its border as a tripwire and alerts its Quick Reaction Force. Fearful of taking on the entire United Nations, Iraq backs down.

**FEBRUARY 1991**—After preventive diplomacy by the U.N. Secretary General fails, the Security Council deploys the U.N. Legion and other forces to staging bases near Yugoslavia, serving notice on Serbs that claims to a Greater Serbia will be opposed by force. A sustainable cease-fire results.

**JULY 1992**—Appalled by the slaughter and starvation in Somalia, the Security Council establishes an emergency trusteeship in the area and sends combat teams from the U.N. Legion to protect relief supplies and restore order. Thousands of lives are spared and negotiations start on transitional government.

**N**OT!—as the saying goes. None of this happened, of course, for there are no such military units as the U.N. Legion or a U.N. Quick Reaction Force.

In reality, it took 600,000 men, \$62 billion and thousands of civilian deaths before the status quo was restored in Kuwait. In former Yugoslavia, Serbs are pursuing "ethnic cleansing" encour-

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aged by clear signals of nonintervention by world leaders and organizations.

And in Somalia, bands of warlord-backed armed gangsters paralyzed delivery of relief supplies for months while hundreds of thousands starved.

Indeed, it wasn't until December 1992 that the United Nations did act in Somalia—but only after the United States dispatched large combat forces to the area. Even then, some in Congress asked "Why us?" and worried about another quagmire. Other U.N. members promised to help in a second phase, which is still evolving.

The implications are that maybe the world community needs to replace its part-time, often-quarreling units of volunteer nations with full-time professionals. The result would be a world police force—with allegiance only to the United Nations—that does not have to await the U.S. cavalry.

Who needs another police force in the world? Aren't there international organizations which might have helped in these crises?

NATO lacks consensus on acting outside its treaty area; the Warsaw Pact is defunct; the Conference on European Security and Cooperation has no forces; the European Community is paralyzed, as are Arab and African organizations; and the Western European Union is limited to token help in enforcing economic sanctions on Serbia through naval forces in the Adriatic.

As the Somalian "Operation Restore Hope" mission fades from the front pages, the Clinton administration faces the questions of whether or how to give the United Nations the will and the weapons it needs to provide some rule of law for the world.

No one, least of all the American people, wants the United States to be the world policeman. So, who else but the U.N. Security Council, which already has sufficient authority under the U.N. Charter, should take on that role?



**REMEDY**—Piecemeal U.N. forces in former Yugoslavia failed to prevent hostilities. The world needs a full-time peacekeeping force, says author.



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This is hardly a new question. The end of the Cold War saw a potentially cooperative Russia replace a normally hostile Soviet Union on the U.N. Security Council. Thus, the usual Soviet opposition was missing when the council authorized the successful enforcement actions against Iraq by a U.S.-led coalition.

Since then, the Security Council has held its first ever session involving the

heads of government and has asked U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to recommend ways of strengthening U.N. peacekeeping and peacemaking.

Last June, Boutros-Ghali issued a far reaching "Agenda for Peace," which stressed a constant flow of diplomatic, economic and military measures and called for armed "peace-enforcement" units.

In September, his proposals drew favorable comments from many world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly; and in October, the Security Council promised to prepare a definitive report this spring.

Thus, the question topping the 1993 international agenda is "Who is willing to put his money where his mouth is to enforce world peace?"—first, to replace the United States in Somalia, and second, to provide a better system for other crises in former Yugoslavia and elsewhere.

Many proposals have been made by governments, scholars and private groups such as the United Nations Association of the USA. Most knowledgeable observers urge implementing Article 43 of the U.N. Charter, which provides for special agreements between all member countries and the Security Council to furnish military forces, support and facilities on call.

Many political leaders have also recognized the need for Quick Reaction Forces and some recommend a Le-

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HIGH-TECH

# FOOD FIGHT

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*Zapping food with radiation to kill germs is common overseas, and may be the best way to preserve food. So why has America not taken advantage of this technology it pioneered?*

**By Peter S. Rose**

**E**ARLY last year, some plump, ripe strawberries went on sale in the car park of Laurenzo's Italian Market in North Miami.

What made these particular berries special was that they reached Miami via America's only commercial food irradiation plant, Vindicator Inc. in Mulberry, Fla.



No other food treatment has been researched or investigated as thoroughly as irradiation. Despite 40 years of experimentation in the United States—much of it pioneered by the Army—the arguments over exposing food to radiation grow more acrimonious every day. In fact, before customers could even get to Laurenzo's berries, they had to cross a picket line protesting the radiation treatment.

The dispute, quite simply, is about whether irradiated food is safe. The answer is a resounding "yes," if you listen to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Army, the World Health Organization, 37 countries around the

world and virtually the entire scientific establishment.

They say that irradiation not only makes food safer, but also cheaper and more plentiful because it extends the shelf life of produce.

For example, irradiated strawberries and other fruit last longer because the treatment delays mold growth. As a result, consumers throw away less spoiled fruit.

They say it's safer for consumers because controlled doses of irradiation can destroy the salmonella that infects

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## JAMES CORRIGAN'S CARROT TOP MARKET

**PRODUCING CONTROVERSY**—These grocers want to sell more irradiated fruits and vegetables, such as strawberries and onions. Produce lasts longer because the treatment delays mold.

much of the poultry sold in the United States. Irradiation also kills Trichina in pork and the insects that attack grain and vegetable crops. It inhibits sprouting in potatoes, onions and garlic; and delays ripening in bananas, avocados, mangoes, papayas, guavas and certain other noncitrus fruits.

Not so, says Michael Colby, who claims the jury is still out on the safety of irradiation. Colby is national director of Food & Water, a New York-based activist organization that has orchestrated most of the opposition to food irradiation.

Colby claims that not enough is known about the changes that occur in food when it is irradiated.

He is backed by some impressive scientists: Dr. Donald Louria, chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine, New Jersey Medical School; and Dr. Steven Meshnick, professor of medicine, City University, New York Medical School.

"Irradiation creates byproducts

known as Unique Radiolytic Products," Colby says, "some of which could be carcinogenic. It also causes mutations and reduces the nutritional value of food by destroying vitamins and other nutrients."

Food & Water has spent about \$30,000 on radio ads to impart these warnings to Floridians. Neither the FDA nor other scientists dispute that irradiation causes some changes in food. However, they deny those changes are harmful.

Scientists agree that irradiation reduces a food's nutritional value, but most seem to accept any nutritional loss as a reasonable trade-off for improving food safety.

Ann Hunter, professor of health and gerontology at Wichita State University, says, "Losing a percentage of the vitamin C in strawberries through irradiation is infinitely preferable to losing it all because the fruit has rotted in the warehouse."

Like most of her colleagues, Hunter

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is losing patience with the protesters and is eager to see poultry irradiation begin as soon as possible. Some experts say that as much as 75 percent of U.S. poultry is infected by salmonella.

"Children and the very old are particularly susceptible to food-borne pathogens, and irradiation represents the best method currently available to protect them," says Hunter.

This view is shared by retired Army Col. David Dee, former director of the Army's food service. "I have seen figures published by the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta that show that food-related illnesses killed 10,000 Americans in 1991," Dee says. "How can we accept a mortality rate like that when we have a proven remedy available?"

Dee now heads Research & Development Associates for Military Food & Packaging Systems, a group that coordinates the efforts of academics, industry and the military in developing new



**TIME WILL TELL—**Executives at Vindicator Inc. in Mulberry, Fla., believe irradiation faces the same opposition microwave ovens did years ago.

ed the store and, apart from a piece in the *Chicago Tribune*, there was very little media coverage."

Steven Pratt, who wrote the article in the *Tribune*, was surprised by the low response to his story. "In view of all the previous publicity, I was expecting a lot of reader reaction. But, it didn't materialize. Perhaps the truth is that without the lobbyists, there is no controversy."

Pratt may have a point. The relative calm at Corrigan's Carrot Top market contrasted starkly with the protesters and media attention that greeted the arrival of the irradiated strawberries at Laurenzo's market. Despite the picketers and demonstrations, Laurenzo was pleased with the results.

Like Corrigan, Florida's Laurenzo intends to extend his range of irradiated products to include tomatoes and citrus. He is also anxious to start selling irradiated poultry and is confident his customers will gladly pay a couple of cents a pound extra for a pathogen-free bird.

However impressive the results achieved by Laurenzo and Corrigan, they are apparently not enough to persuade any major food retailer to be the first to try irradiated products. Publix, the biggest supermarket group in Florida, is typical of food giants that refuse to sell irradiated food.

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food-related products and services. He has no doubt that the U.S. Armed Forces are 100 percent in favor of irradiation.

"Napoleon said an army marches on its stomach. That was as true in Desert Storm as it was in the 1800s," Dee says. "The last thing you want is people in the field being struck down with food poisoning. They have enough to face without worrying about that. Irradiation reduces the risk and also provides opportunities to feed them the kind of food they get at home."

Current FDA regulations allow food to be treated with a low dose of irradiation that considerably extends shelf life. However, Dee says the Army is petitioning for higher doses that would, in effect, sterilize the food. Chicken, seafood or red meat irradiated at higher levels could be stored without refrigeration almost indefinitely, making the job of feeding the troops much easier.

Acceptance of irradiation outside of the military may be slower in arriving, but there are signs that the barriers are coming down. While the food industry giants are steering clear of the controversy, several smaller retailers seem only too happy to lead the way.

Typical of these is James Corrigan who runs his own produce market in Northbrook, Ill. Corrigan says he was initially skeptical about irradiation. "But then I started to look beyond the

propaganda and do some research of my own. Once I realized that most scientists approve of irradiation, my attitude changed," Corrigan says.

Many of Corrigan's customers apparently share his views. "Over one weekend we sold 172 cases of irradiated strawberries compared with about six cases of ordinary berries," he says. "People just seemed to prefer the idea of the fruit being debugged by irradiation rather than large doses of chemicals."

Corrigan also has placed orders for irradiated citrus and tomatoes. As he puts it, "I surveyed my customers and they were overwhelmingly in favor of irradiation. No one protested or picketed."



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**FRIED CHICKEN—**Italian Market owner David Laurenzo believes customers will pay extra for irradiated, germ-free poultry.



# DAV'S BROWN APPOINTED VA SECRETARY

**J**ESSE BROWN, 48, a Legionnaire from Post 141, Warrenton, Va., has been appointed by President Bill Clinton as the new Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Brown, a former Marine who is partially paralyzed in his right arm from wounds received in Vietnam, is the former executive director of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). During his tenure with the 1.3 million member organization, the Chicago native was



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credited with authoring and implementing the DAV's training program for service officers.

Hershel W. Gober, the Arkansas

American Legion Department Service Officer, was appointed Brown's deputy secretary. Gober, a decorated Vietnam veteran and member of Post 2, Wilmar, Ark., was also Arkansas' State Director of Veterans Affairs. At press time, no successor to Gober had been named.

Although Legion representatives submitted testimony at the Senate confirmation hearings in January, neither Brown or Gober were endorsed.

The American Legion's constitution prohibits endorsing any candidate for public office.

## Ban Lifted

Veterans who smoke won a victory last fall when Congress passed legislation ordering VA to establish smoking areas at VA facilities. Under the law, VA must provide a heated and air conditioned indoor area for smoking.

Former VA Secretary Edward Derwinski had fought hard against the measure on the grounds that smoking was incompatible with the VA's health-care mission. However, The American Legion has long argued that the rules prohibiting smoking created hardships for many veterans, and in some cases, even interfered with veterans' recoveries while in VA hospitals. The new legislation does not require VA canteens to carry tobacco products.

## New VA Comp Rates

Veterans who receive service-connected disability compensation have been given a 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment for 1993. Effective Dec. 1, 1992, the new monthly rates for disability compensation are:

Disability	Amount	Disability	Amount
10%	\$85	60%	\$632
20%	\$162	70%	\$799
30%	\$247	80%	\$924
40%	\$352	90%	\$1,040
50%	\$502	100%	\$1,730

Veterans receiving at least 30 percent disability and who have dependents may also receive additional compensation. For a married veteran receiving 30 percent, the amount is an additional \$30. Married veterans who are 100 per-

cent service-connected disabled will receive \$103 more. For further information on the increases, contact your nearest American Legion Service Officer.

## Means Test Levels

Veterans subject to the VA means tests may earn more money this year and still be eligible for medical care and disability compensation.

To be classified for mandatory treatment by VA, single veterans with no dependents may earn up to \$19,408 annually, an increase of \$565 over last year. Veterans with one dependent are limited to \$23,290, up \$678. Veterans with two or more dependents are allowed to earn an additional \$1,296 per year per dependent over \$23,290.

VA also has increased the poverty income threshold for 1993. Marginally employable, disabled single veterans who do not earn more than \$6,932, may be entitled to total disability compensation. They are permitted to earn \$280 more than last year. For more information, contact your nearest American Legion Service Officer.

## Records Agreement

Veterans who were discharged from the Army no longer should face delays trying to locate their medical records when applying for VA compensation. The Army has agreed to send the military medical records of newly separated soldiers directly to VA.

Up until now, it took about 65 days for VA to receive the medical records

of discharged soldiers. Under the agreement, the Army will forward records to the Service Medical Records Center in St. Louis within five days of the veteran's discharge. VA officials hope that the Navy will follow suit in 1993, and the Marine Corps and Air Force, a short time later.

## Radiation Help Line

VA has installed a toll-free phone—(800) 827-0365—to answer questions of veterans who have been exposed to ionizing radiation during their military service. The help line is for:

- Veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during atomic weapons testing between 1945 and 1962;
- Those who served in the occupation forces in Nagasaki or Hiroshima;
- Prisoners of war in Japan;
- GIs, such as X-ray technicians, who may have been exposed to radiation because of their military occupations;
- Desert Storm GIs who may have suffered damaging exposure to radiation.

Veterans in the last two categories are new additions to the list.

The phone lines are operational 24-hours a day, but counselors are available only on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. During other hours, veterans or their families can leave messages, and their calls will be returned. Other veterans can get information on their VA benefits by dialing (800) 827-1000. Callers will be automatically connected to the VA regional office in their area. □

# The Secret of Building a POWERFUL MEMORY

**I**t's a real tragedy. So many people seem to grow older instead of staying young.

My brother Jim and his petite wife Nancy worked hard and saved up for years for early retirement. Their dream was to see the U.S.A. from the big windows of their own RV vehicle. This modest and generous couple even joined a vacation club and made short trips with friends for some months before retirement.

Finally the big day arrived. Jim and Nancy packed the RV with six months of provisions and dropped by to say good-bye to my wife and I, and our kids, before embarking on the well-earned adventure they had been planning for, it now seemed, as long as I could remember.

As soon as they sat down at the kitchen table, I noticed at once Jim seemed tired and drowsy. Even during the excitement, I saw he really seemed exhausted. "Did you get enough sleep last night?", I asked. "What's that?", he replied confusedly. "I'm afraid Jim hasn't been hearing too well," Nancy confided. "The doctor says it's poor circulation. And it's causing other problems for him. His memory loss is most noticeable. And he gets a ringing in his ears; I see his eyesight failing. Together with a heart problem he suffered two years ago, I'm concerned with his allergies which act up all the time now. We've dreamed and worked so hard for this trip...it's a shame Jim is so 'out of it'."

"Where did I put my road map, Nancy?", Jim asked. "Honey, don't you remember...you put it under the driver's seat where you'd be sure to find it." She gave me a tearful look of worry.

I confess I was worried about them as they took off. And I didn't stop worrying as I read the postcards they sent from various stops along the way. About a week into the trip Nancy wrote to say they were thinking about giving it up and returning home because of Jim's declining health. Then, mysteriously, the postcards stopped coming.

Six weeks later I received a postcard from the West Coast. "Our apologies," it began, "we've been having too much fun to write. Hope the kids are fine. We're going to add on another leg. See you in six weeks."

I was stunned. What could have

changed so drastically? My answer came when Nancy and Jim pulled into the driveway six weeks to the day after I'd received that hurried card. Jim leapt from the driver's seat and shook my hand with such a strong grip that I almost went to my knees. His boyhood grin was back. Jim's eyes sparkled and he looked lean and strong; well-rested and healthy.

"What's going on with you two?", I asked Nancy behind his back. "You are just about to hear all about it," she replied.

As we poured coffee and gathered around the kitchen table again, the story came out. Nancy and Jim had stopped at KOAs and state park campgrounds along the way, meeting other travelers and vacationers. They got to know one very interesting couple during one of their stops...an author specializing in medical subjects and his beautiful Oriental wife. While somewhat older than Nancy and Jim, the four became immediate friends. During their first evening together, Jim and Nancy learned about the author's latest work *GINGKO/The Anti-Aging Nutrient You Can Use*. During that evening they also discovered the "key" to restoring Jim's healthy life back to him.

Ginkgo Biloba, they learned, is the oldest tree on earth...a survivor of the Ice Age. It's indigenous to China but now decorates streets and boulevards all over the world. It is totally resistant to blight and pollution; its leaves are a food substance which provide treatment for a remarkable host of ailments, particularly those of circulatory problems which afflict middle-aged and older people.

Hundreds of hospital, clinical, and lab tests worldwide have shown Gingko Biloba extract to widen blood vessels to the brain, heart, extremities of legs and arms, ears and eyes. It is even said to fight organ transplant rejection better than the traditional pharmaceutical medication.

"That friendship was the beginning of a living miracle for my Jim," Nancy told us. "Our new friends had several copies of the book, so we bought one." They had also found a place where they could buy Gingko Biloba extract. You see, finding bona fide Gingko Biloba in stores can be difficult. Although sales in Europe now total up to \$500 million a year, making it perhaps the leading

prescribed medicine there, you can't find it just everywhere in the U.S. And, when you do, you have to be very careful to get the standardized 24% extract. The WorldLife Company has it. Write: P.O. Box 30665-BH, Albuquerque, NM 87190. Nancy says they were going to be at the campground for a couple of weeks, so they called WorldLife at 1 (800) 451-2194 to ask them if they took Mastercard/Visa. They said sure, so Nancy ordered Jim a 30-day supply for only \$14.95, plus \$2.00 delivery.

After Jim had been taking the extract their friends left them, for about six weeks, he was a new man. His memory loss had been reversed; his dizziness gone. Jim's mind is sharp again, and he's much more sociable. You'll find in the book that Gingko is easily digested, so it enters the bloodstream quickly. Three tablets a day keep the blood levels just right. And, unlike the blood thinners and other man-made drugs Jim had taken for his circulation, Gingko Biloba doesn't merely increase circulation in one part of the body by stealing blood from the other parts. It NORMALIZES blood flow throughout the body.

"There is only one problem with this Gingko stuff," Jim grinned with a twinkle in his eye. "It makes me feel so young that I end up chasing Nancy around the bedroom. And the one in our camper is too small. So, we're trading for a bigger RV and hitting the road again next weekend".

Well, needless to say, I was overwhelmed by the changes in my brother Jim. And I want to share this electrifying news with as many people as I can. I contacted the author of the powerful little book *GINGKO/The Anti-Aging Nutrient You Can Use* and put him together with my friends at American Surveys. The rest is history. Today you can send for a copy for yourself at low cost.

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The Pittsburgh convention will kick off the year-long celebration of The American Legion's 75th anniversary.

Hosting the Legion's National Convention for the first time, Pittsburgh offers many amenities. From the Golden Triangle where the three rivers meet, to the 88 neighborhoods that ring the city, Legionnaires can experience the best of Pittsburgh and visit many historic and military sites.

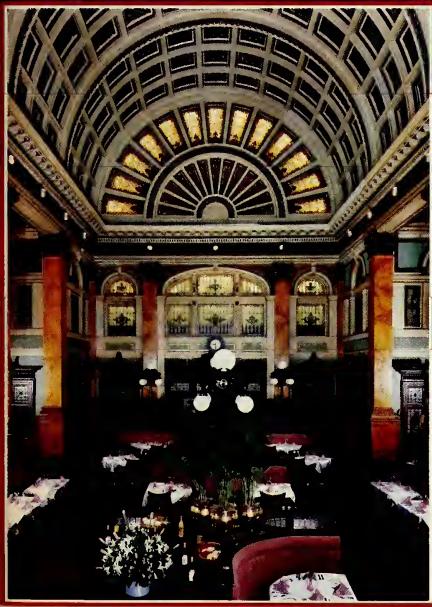
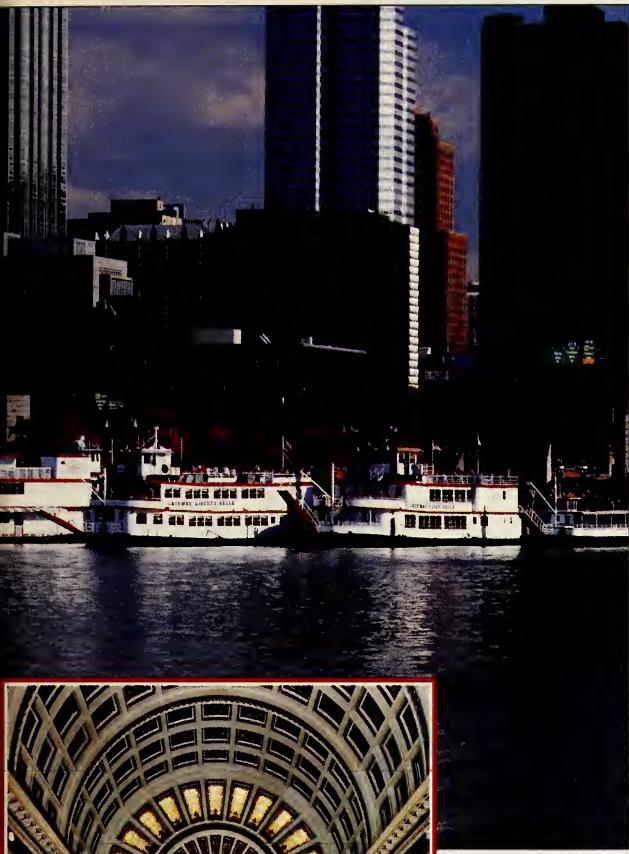
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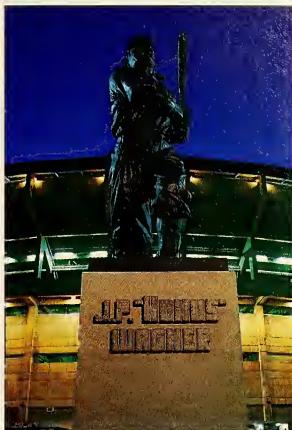
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Stadium.*



and Sailors Memorial Hall, located at Fifth and Bigelow streets on a city block of deep green lawns bedecked with multicolored flowers. Built between 1908 and 1910 as a monument to veterans of the Civil War and later dedicated to all veterans, the hall is modeled after the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Inside the massive building are corridors lined with exhibits from all war eras. Through the years, veterans or their families donated numerous exhibit articles such as muskets, sabers, uniforms and musical instruments.

For many visitors, one of the most breathtaking sights is the world's largest reproduction of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—70 feet by 18 feet—engraved in the back wall of the hall's auditorium.

Pittsburgh's founding dates to the 1700s, when the British defeated the French and built Fort Pitt where the three rivers meet. The fort no longer stands, but today tourists can walk through the 36-acre Point State Park. The park includes Fort Pitt Museum and the Fort Pitt Blockhouse, which was built in 1764 and is the oldest structure in the city.

Across the Allegheny River from the Point State Park is Roberto Clemente Park that includes the domed Allegheny County Vietnam Memorial, covering statues of veterans.

Down the Allegheny and on the Ohio River is another riverside attraction.

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# LEGION CALLS POW PROBE INCOMPLETE

**S**TOP. Do not close the books on the POW/MIA issue because of the 1,000-page POW report of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs," says Roger A. Munson, National Commander of The American Legion.

The product of a 15-month, \$1.9 million investi-

gation, the report left the following questions unanswered:

- Were there American POWs left in Southeast Asia after the Vietnam War?
- If so, why were they left behind and who left them there?
- Could any of these men still be alive?

"The report doesn't begin to answer these important

questions," Munson adds. "And until we get some answers — until we get the fullest possible accounting — the POW/MIA issue is very much alive."

The American Legion's POW/MIA experts reviewed the Senate report and found no justification for either restoring diplomatic ties with Vietnam or for lifting our 18-year economic embargo on the communist country.

"There are simply too many unanswered questions," says Munson. "What troubles the Legion is that the committee's work ended not because it had the answers, but because it had reached a deadline arbitrarily set a year-and-a-half ago."

In an interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine, Sen. Robert C. Smith of New Hampshire, vice chairman of the Senate POW committee, explained that "time had run out on the investigation." Smith said that there was no possibility, in the time allotted, for the fullest possible accounting of POW/MIA.

"Time did run out on the

committee, but it's also running out on our missing," says Munson. "As the Senate's POW report clearly states, it must not be considered the last chapter of the Vietnam War. It doesn't go far enough."

"It's not enough to find out what happened to those we left behind after World War II, Korea and Vietnam. We must make sure that no GI is ever abandoned again." (See Page 20, "POW/MIA: The Next War")

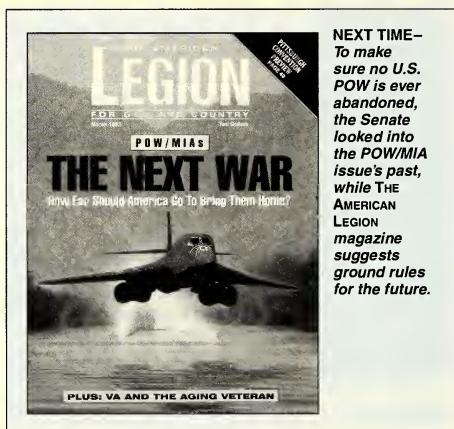
Aside from Legion criticism, the Senate POW committee came under intense public scrutiny after press reports revealed that former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was allowed to "tone down" criticism of the Nixon administration.

Allowing Kissinger access to the report before its public release and changing some of its findings as a result of his comments enraged some MIA advocates, *The New York Times* reported.

Critics say Kissinger influenced the Senate POW committee to reject the idea that U.S. POWs were deliberately left behind.

According to the Associated Press, "The committee refused to lay blame on one administration or set of Pentagon leaders, but said the failure to pursue aggressively the question of unaccounted-for [POW/MIA] extended over much of the past two decades."

The Senate's probe primarily focused on POW/MIA from the Vietnam War. Consequently, the status of missing Americans from World War II, Korea and the Cold War was not thoroughly investigated. □



## LEGION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED THIS MONTH

**S**EVENTY-FOUR years ago on March 15, 1919, WWI veterans assembled in Paris, France, to create what is now the world's largest veterans' organization — The American Legion.

As Legionnaires from many of the 15,000 Legion Posts nationwide conduct birthday ceremonies this month, the National Headquarters is preparing to kick off the year-long celebration of the Legion's 75th anniversary at the National Convention in Pittsburgh, Sept. 3-9.

From its first-year membership of

843,013, the Legion has grown to include more than 3.1 million wartime veterans of all wars from WWI to Desert Storm. As the membership has increased, so too has the Legion's ability to help veterans and their families.

"A Legion birthday celebration at your Post is an excellent opportunity to spotlight The American Legion in your community," says National Commander Roger A. Munson.

"People can see the good works of the Legion, and Posts may benefit by finding new members." □

# Coupon Project Raises Money To Fight Blindness

**B**Y HANDING out coupons in grocery stores this June, Legionnaires can help cure eye diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa (RP), as well as raise money for The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

During three June weekends, which will be announced later, Legionnaires will hand out coupons for Kellogg products in thousands of stores nationwide. For each store worked by volunteers, Kellogg will make a donation to the RP Foundation, which will, in turn, contribute to the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation.

"With the cooperation of the RP Foundation and Kellogg, and with the Legion's volunteers, we have created a one-of-a-kind project benefiting many, many people," says Eugene V. Lindquist, Chairman of the Legion's Children and Youth Commission. "This project is the biggest promotion of its kind - ever."

After a successful seven-state test in March 1992, the National Coupon Project was approved by the National Executive Committee during the 1992 Fall Meeting.

During the test program, Legion volunteers handed out coupons for a free gallon of milk with the purchase of Kellogg's cereals.

Almost 500,000 coupons were distributed by almost 3,000 Legion volunteers (see table).

"The volunteers did a fantastic job," says Robert M. Gray, executive director of the RP Foundation. "They were highly organized, professional and well-received

by the supermarket customers. We are very grateful to The American Legion family for the commitment they have made to furthering these important causes, and we look forward to the national project."

Each Department has a National Coupon Project coordinator. By calling Department headquarters or the RP Foundation at (800) 683-5555, you can find out which stores near you are participating in the program and how to become involved.

"The more stores we cover, the more we will help RP and The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation," says Lindquist.

The RP Foundation Fighting Blindness was created in

1971 to raise money for research into degenerative eye diseases such as RP, which affect more than 2 million Americans.

"I have pledged to mobilize our national network of Posts and Squadrions to combat this insidious loss of sight," says Munson. □

## COUPON PROJECT TEST RESULTS

State	Coupons Distributed	Volunteer Hours	Number of Volunteers
Florida	284,089	2,882	1,411
Georgia	6,442	72	74
Minnesota	153,864	1,515	1,233
North Dakota	20,824	271	124
South Carolina	9,367	99	55
South Dakota	2,010	16	22
Wisconsin	4,446	42	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>481,042</b>	<b>4,897</b>	<b>2,964</b>

SOURCE: MARKETING CORPORATION OF AMERICA

## PAST NATIONAL COMMANDER CRAIG DIES

**G**EORGE N. Craig, the first WWII veteran to serve as American Legion National Commander, died Dec. 17. Craig, 83, of Brazil, Ind., who was National Commander in 1949-50, led the Legion in the early months of the Korean War.

He spearheaded Legion opposition to recommendations by the 1949 Hoover Commission that threatened veterans' benefits. In January 1950, Craig organized the home front fight against communism by creating the All-American Conference composed of 66 fraternal, religious, labor and civic groups.

Craig, a 1932 Indiana University law graduate, served as Indiana governor from 1953 to 1957.

A member of Post 2 of Brazil for 48



continuous years, Craig was a Department of Indiana National Executive Committeeman, Rehabilitation Commission Liaison Committee Chairman, Overseas Graves Decoration Trust Vice Chairman and an ex-officio member of the National Finance Commission.

He served as a lieutenant colonel in the 80th Inf. Div. of Gen. George Patton's Third Army during the campaigns in Northern France and Germany.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn, son John, and daughter Marjorie Farnsworth; and three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation or The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. □

# National Commander Tours Pacific Rim

**A** 19-DAY tour of the Pacific Rim has reaffirmed National Commander Roger A. Munson's belief that the United States must maintain a strong military presence in that part of the world.

"It's essential to our secu-

rity interests and to our friends throughout the Far East," he said after returning. "America must remain committed to preserving peace in this part of the world."

Munson's tour included Taiwan, Hawaii, South Korea and the Demilitarized Zone.

The journey began in the Philippines, where Munson met President Fidel Ramos. Although the U.S. military is gone from the Philippines, Ramos told

Munson that Filipino forces still will be able to counter any guerrilla activity of the communist-controlled New People's Army.

After traveling to Taiwan, another U.S. ally, Munson met with the U.S. diplomatic corps in South Korea and toured facilities bordering the Demilitarized Zone.

"The troops I met, from the top generals to the slick-sleeved privates, are committed to their mission," says Munson. "South Korea has emerged as a Pacific Rim economic power and a leading U.S. ally."

Munson's last stop was in Hawaii. There he met with Navy Adm. Charles R. Larson, commander-in-chief of all U.S. forces in the Pacific (CINCPAC) and Army Maj. Gen. Thomas Needham, chief of the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting for U.S. POW/MIA in Southeast Asia.

Munson also toured the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Honolulu, Hawaii, where remains of American servicemen from the Vietnam War are identified.

"I'm convinced that many involved in MIA investigations are doing all they can to find answers," says Munson. "But they have an uphill battle in some ways, because some of their predecessors and our government have made monumental mistakes in the past."

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For more information on the memorial honoring chaplains, write: Veterans Memorial Chaplaincy Fund, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 833 Fifth Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309. □

PHOTO BY ROBERT KUSTINE



**WORLDLY—**  
In Hawaii,  
Munson visits  
Navy Adm.  
Charles R.  
Larson,  
CINCPAC  
(above).  
During his  
trip to South  
Korea, (left)  
Munson peers  
across the  
DMZ to North  
Korea.

## Praying Hands Memorial Honors Chaplains

**B**RONZE, 12-foot high hands will greet visitors this year to one of the few memorials honoring U.S. military chaplains.

The memorial, expected to be completed by Veterans Day, will be near the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in downtown Des Moines, Iowa. The grounds surrounding the uplifted hands will offer benches and walkways. The memorial also includes four bronze, tablet-shaped relief sculptures representing the chaplains corps of the major branches of the Armed Forces.

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## Battle Of Midway Veterans Share Memories

**F**IIFTY years ago last June, George H. Gay was floating around in the Pacific Ocean, waiting to be rescued. But until that happened, he had plenty to occupy his time.

Gay had a ringside seat to

the Battle of Midway, the U.S. Navy victory that became a turning point for the Allies in the Pacific war.

In that first week of June 1942, U.S. forces faced the mightiest Japanese naval force yet assembled. Although outnumbered by more than 2 to 1, the U.S. fleet defeated the Japanese armada.

"I saw the whole thing," recalls Gay, now a retired commercial airlines pilot. "I just wish I had a radio to give our side information."

Gay was the only survivor from his squadron of 30 planes. Through a hail storm of anti-aircraft fire and swarming Japanese Ze-

roes, Gay piloted his plane to the Japanese fleet. But it wasn't long before Gay's role as a participant was changed to that of a spectator. He was shot down and crashed in the ocean among the Japanese warships.

"I hid under the wreckage of my plane," says Gay recalling his historic adventure. "It's not easy to dig a foxhole in the ocean, but I did it."

Richard H. Klinge, a member of Post 1 of Seattle, Wash., and consultant to the National Convention Commission, was the co-pilot of a Navy PBY aircraft that plucked Gay from the ocean after the Japanese fleet retreated in defeat.

Klinge, 78, and Gay, 76, were finally reunited last June at the 50th anniversary reunion of Midway veterans in Washington, D.C. The two old Naval aviators shook hands, and remembered.

"This was the first time I'd seen him in 50 years. I didn't know if he would be there," says Klinge. □



AT REUNION—George Gay, right, known as "the man who saw Midway," meets his rescuer, Richard Klinge, for the first time in 50 years.

## World War II Chronicled In Series Of Tapes

**T**O commemo- rate World War II, The American Legion, Radio America and the National Archives are jointly sponsoring a weekly, three-minute radio program about world events from 50 years ago. The show is being carried by some 500 radio stations nationwide.

The American Legion is providing financial support for the program, called "World War II Chronicles," and Radio America produces and distributes the show. The

National Archives is providing the original recordings from the WW II era that are being used on the air.

The first show aired Dec. 7, 1991, and included an excerpt from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "date which will live in infamy" speech, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Ed Herlihy, a broadcaster of the WW II era, narrates the show.

Broadcasts include authentic accounts of memorable WWII events such as a correspondent's eyewitness

report of the attack on Pearl Harbor; President Roosevelt's fireside chats; Marine news reports from the Battle of Midway; Glenn Miller's Army Air Force Band; and Bob Hope's USO specials.

To find out if a radio station near you broadcasts "World War II Chronicles," call (202) 488-7122 and ask for Steve Long.

Tapes of "World War II Chronicles" can be obtained by writing to: Radio America, 499 S. Capitol St., S.W., Suite 417, Washington, DC 20003. □

## LEGIONNAIRES IN ACTION

**P**ost 119 of Dunellen, N.J., helped collect more than 300 pounds of toys for the children of the island of Kauai, Hawaii. To brighten the faces of children in the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki, the Post created the "From Ocean to Ocean New Jersey Cares" project.

Nine years ago, Post 340 of Sugar Creek, Mo., invited 20 VA patients to the Post for dinner. Since then the program has mushroomed, with veterans from area nursing homes and other elderly and disabled veterans from the community enjoying the Post's hospitality. This past year, the Post hosted 105 veterans, 15 nurses and doctors, 20 Auxiliary workers and 15 Legionnaires.

United on behalf of American POW/MIA's, veterans from the Chicago area, including Legionnaires from Post 1941 of LaGrange, Ill., conducted a POW/MIA awareness day, which included reading of the names of Illinois MIAs.

The Wisconsin Veterans Home has inherited a new ice cream pushcart, thanks to a \$2,000 donation by Post 44 of Elm Grove, Wis.

A little research and a lot of work led Durand-Haley Post 66 of Plymouth, N.H., to plan a memorial for Richard Haley, one of the Post's namesakes. The grave-side dedication ceremony for the memorial will be May 22, 1993.

During its annual Christmas party at the VA Hospital and Nursing Home & Psychiatric Ward in Reno, Nev., Post 9 of Reno provided cookies, cupcakes, bags of fruits and Christmas cards for 95 patients. □

## HOW TO USE VETS

This month there are 720 military reunions listed on these pages. However, VETS has information on more than 10,000 other reunions. For information on reunions for any military unit or ship, call

**(900) 737-VETS**  
(900) 737-8387

If you know the VETS five-digit number assigned to the ship or unit, please give it to the operator. The number is printed immediately after the unit in the magazine. If you don't know the VETS number or haven't seen the ship or unit listed in the magazine, VETS opera-

tors may still be able to provide you with information. Many units are enrolling daily in VETS. Operators are on call Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time; from noon to 8 p.m. Central Standard Time; from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mountain Standard Time; and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Phone calls cost \$1.95 per minute, and the average call takes two minutes or less. Proceeds help support various veterans' and children's programs and services sponsored by The American Legion.

## OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion coordinators can enroll their units in VETS by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to VETS, P.O. Box 10088, Columbia, MO 65205-4000. Unit names may be published two times per year, upon request.

## Army

1st Battle Grp., 26th Rgt., B Co. (Ft. Riley KS 1958/60) #12188  
1st Inf. Div. Officers of WWI/WWII/Vietnam/Pers Gulf #15695  
1st Inf. Div. Forward (APO 09137 Goepingen, Ger.) #12130  
1st Inf. Div. Society of the First Div. (Big Red One) #15355  
2nd Arm'd Div., 82nd Arm'd Recon. Bn. (WWII) #1138  
2nd Arm'd Div., 702nd Tk. Destroyer Bn., C Co. Asn. #28392  
2nd Arm'd Div., 195th AAA AW Bn. (WWII) #14861  
2nd Arm'd Div., 17th Engr. Bn., A Co. #16341  
2nd CA Bn., D-41 Btry. (Kahuku HI 1942/45 WWII) #12176  
2nd Chem. Mortar Bn., POW's (Korea 1950/53) #14861  
2nd Engr. Sig. Bn., 287th Sig. Co. (1942/51) #21301  
2nd General Hospital, MP Det. (Landstuhl, Germany) #12100  
2nd Inf. Div., 23rd Rgt. #14890  
2nd Inf. Div., 82nd AAA AW Bn. (SP) (Korea 1950/53) #12149  
2nd Rgt. Officers Asn. #22327  
3rd Army 2nd Div. Inf., 9th Rgt., A & C Co. (1940/45) #15799  
3rd Army 35th Inf. Div., 134th Rgt., 2nd Bn., HQ Co. (WWII) #16106  
3rd Army 65th Inf. Div. Asn. (RhineLand, Central Europe, WWII) #10922  
3rd Army 70th Inf. Div. Asn. (WWII) Western States #16521

3rd Army 97th Inf. Div., MP Pltn. (Germany/Japan 1943-46) #12075  
3rd Army 9th Arm'd Div., 73rd Arm'd FA Bn. (WWII) #16375  
3rd Army 26th Inf. Div., 101st Rgt. (Yankee Div. WWII) #16027  
3rd Army 26th Inf. Div., 101st FA Bn. (Midway Chapt. (Yankee Division WWII) #16023  
3rd FA Trg. Bn., E Btry. (Ft. Sill FARTC 1962) #20575  
4th Inf."Div. Assn (National) #16302  
6th Arm'd Div. Asn. #15414  
7th Inf. Div. Asn. (Final Salute to Ft. Ord) #16219  
7th Inf. Div., 49th FA Bn. (Japan/Korea 1950s) #22672  
8th Cav., 1st Bn. (Vietnam) #21537  
8th Inf. Div., 8th Sig. Co. (WWII) #12191  
8th Inf. Div., 43rd FA Bn. (WWII) #12190  
8th Inf. Div., 8th Sig. Co. (WWII) #12192  
8th Inf. Div., HQ & HQ Btry. (WWII) #12193  
8th Inf. Div. HQ Co. (WWII) #12195  
8th Inf. Div., 12th Engr. (C) Bn. (WWII) #12196  
8th Inf. Div., 5th Cav. Recon. Trp. (WWII) #20597  
9th Army 1468th Engr. Maint. (WWII) #22420  
9th Inf. Div., 47th Rgt., 4th Bn. C Co. #14889  
10th Inf. Div., 34th FA Bn, HQ Btry. 1954/55 #14899  
10th Hospital Train (HMS Prague H-61 1944-46) #23006  
10th Inf. Div., 40th FA Bn. #16176  
10th Inf. Div., 35th FA Bn. (1945/46) #23021  
12th Arm'd Div. (N. Central Chapt.) #16476  
13th A/B Div. Asn. Inc. (50th Anniv.) #15833  
13th Major Port #22806  
13th Station Hospital #10576  
16th Sig. Bn. (1951/53) #22006  
17th FA Obsn. Bn. (WWII) #14041  
17th Sig. Bn. (Pers Gulf) #10395  
18th FA Bn./1st FA BN. ASSN. #11158  
18th FA Bn. (Korea 1950/53) #11516  
21st Inf. Rgt. & Supporting Units (Japan & Korea) #23538  
22nd Sig. & 70th Sig. TS & BC (Combat Photog. WWII) #16405

24th Inf. Div. 19th Rgt., Med. Co. (1945/46) #16201  
24th Inf. Div. 21st Rgt., 2nd Bn., E,F,G,H Cos. (Korea 1950/53) #12095  
24th Inf. Div. 26th AAA Bn., D Btry. (1952/54) #11470  
24th Inf. Div., 34th Rgt., 3rd Bn., I,K,L,M Cos. (Korea 1950/51) #11154  
25th FA Bn. #12178  
25th Inf. Div. Assn. (PTO WWII) #22990  
25th Inf. Div. Assn. (Korea) #15338  
25th Inf. Div. 35th Rgt., Serv. Co. (Korea) #12165  
25th Inf. Div., 161st Cannon Co. #23017  
27th Ord. Co. (USAERUR) #22153  
28th General Hospital (Texas/France 1951/53) #16859  
28th Inf. Div., 89th AAA AW Bn. (Sp) (Korea) #16948  
30th Inf. Div., 120th Rgt., Co B #14887  
32nd Inf. Div., Red Arrow Club of FL #21796  
33rd Inf. Div., Including All Support Grps. (WWII & WWII) #11150  
35th Field Hospital #16324  
36th Inf. Div., 142nd Rgt., B Co. #12133  
36th Inf. Div., 142nd Rgt., G Co., Matney's Raiders Asn. #15951  
37th Inf. Div., 358nd OM Trk. Co. & 112 OM, B Co. #12132  
37th Inf. Div., 148th Rgt. (Camp Perry, Ohio WWII) #10632  
40th Inf. Div. HQ & HQ Co. (WWII) #15917  
40th Inf. Div., 223rd Bn., M Co. (Korea) #11191  
40th Inf. Div., 160th Rgt., ATT Co. #12076  
41st Inf. Div., 161st Inf. Rgt., G Co. #15642  
43rd Inf. Div., 169th Rgt., H Co. (1950/52) #12120  
44th Inf. Div., 71st Rgt., Med. Det. (1941/43) #12067  
45th Inf. Div., 189th FA #15493  
45th Inf. Div. MP Co. (Korea 1950/52) #16003  
45th Inf. Div., 180th RCT, L Co. (Korea 1951/52) #12131  
47th Inf. Div. 9th Arm'd Inf. (Normandy Campaign WWII) #12151  
47th/33rd Engs. #1539  
47th/33rd Engs. #1539  
48th Inf. Div. Hospital (PTO New Guinea, P.I. WWII) #16320  
53rd General Hospital (Eng. WWII) #11500  
61st CA Rgt., 184th AAA Gun Bn., 634th & 635th AAA AW Bns. (WWII) #16610  
62nd Eng. (C) Bn. (Korea) #14903  
62nd Sig. Bn., A Co. (WWII) #12150  
62nd Sig. Bn., A Co. (1941/45) #16223  
63rd Sig. Bn. Asn. (WWII) #16511  
65th Arm'd Field Art., Bn. Asn. #28383  
65th General Hospital (WWII) #15557  
68th AAA Gun Bn. (Korea 1950/54) #16721  
68th Sig. Bn. #15447  
68th Sig. Bn., A Co. #122096  
69th Station Hospital #22935  
69th San. Hospital (Lido, India) #16194  
69th Inf. Div., 880th FA Bn., HQ Btry. Asn #15671  
71st Sig. Serv. Bn., D Co. (1945/46) #22673  
71st Sig. Serv. Bn., G-Hq. (Japan 1945/46) #30037  
73rd AAA AW Bn. (SP) #15368  
75th CA (AA) Rgt., F Btry. (1940/44) #22605  
76th Engr. Const. Br. (1950/53) #12202  
76th Engr. Cons. Br. #23016  
78th Inf. Div., 309th Rgt., E Co. #16510  
78th Inf. Div., Hudson Valley & Upper NY & NJ Asn. #22720  
79th Inf. Div., 904th FA Bn. #16272  
79th Inf. Div., 312th FA Bn. #15969  
81st Inf. Div., 322nd Rgt., C Co. (Wildcat Div. WWII) #10925  
83rd Eng. Const. Bn., C Co. (France 1955/58) #14892  
84th Eng. (C) Bn. (Korea) #14727  
84th Inf. Div. Rallsport Soc. #15955  
86th Inf. Div., 341st Rgt. D Co. #10116  
90th FA Bn., B Btry. #16259  
90th FA Bn. (Korea 1950/53) #16653  
97th Sig. Sq. Bn. #16165  
97th Sig. Sq. Bn. Asn #16175  
99th Inf. Div. Asn. #16559  
100th Inf. Div., 397th Rgt., M Co. #14860  
100th Inf. Div. (FL Chapter) #15483  
101st A/B Div. Assn. (Vn. In Country Chapter) #14956  
104th Inf. Rgt. Asn. #11637  
104th Inf. Div. Atlantic Timberwolf Assn. (WWII) #22779  
104th Inf. Div. Timberwolves Natl Assn #14883  
104th Inf. Div., 414th Rgt., B Co. (Timberwolves) #21776  
105th AAA AW Bn. Assn. (WWII) #16255  
107th Engr. Rgt. & Bn. Assn. #20043  
111th FA Bn. (WWII) #12127  
114th American Graves Reg. Serv. Grp. (N. Japan, Post WWII) #12156  
118th Inf. G Co. #15677  
120th Inf. Rgt., C Bn. (Co. (WWII) #23002  
124th AAA AW Bn. Assn. (WWII) #16612  
134 FA Bn. #22935  
138th Engr. Combat Bn. #10347  
143rd Ord. MM Co. WWII #14894  
148th General Hospital (Hawaii/Saipan) #10079  
150th Engr. (C) Bn. Assn. (WWII) #16131  
158th RCT, 147th FA & Related Units. (Bushmasters East) #22341  
164th Anti-Tank & Tank Co. (ND) #16134  
168th AAA Bn. WWII #15442  
170th Engr. (C) Bn. (WWII) #16515  
172nd Inf. Comb. Bn. WWII #18706  
187th Sig. Repair Co. #16117  
189th FA Bn. (Korea) #21658  
191st Inf. Ord. Co. (Depot) WWII #11270  
197th Inf. Div. Bn. Assn. A (WWII) #21206  
198th General Hospital (WWII) #11650  
202nd Engr. (C) Bn., C Co. - #16178  
204th Ord. Med. Maint. #22372  
207th MP. Co. (1941-45) #11531  
215th CA (AA) #16605  
219th Military Int. Det. Bien Hoa, RVN 1971/72 #14895  
221st MP Co., SETAF (Vicenza, Italy) #12101  
232nd AAA S/L Bn. (WWII) #11929  
233rd Eng. (C) Bn. #15577  
235th TRK Bn. Co's 3637, 3638, 3639 #14897  
246th Engr. (C) Bn. (1943/45) #11242  
254th Inf. Div. #22000  
255th FA Bn. (WWII) #16130  
266th FA Bn. (WWII) #22013  
267th Spec. Coast Art. Bn. #15980  
279th Army Band (All Years) #11410  
280th Engr. (C) Bn. #22866  
285th MP Co. (Bamboholder, Ger. 1967/69) #11300  
294th JASCO (Omaha Beach WWII) #14106  
310th Command Asn., HQ Co. #22150  
325th FA Bn., Bn., HQ/A/B/C Btrbs. #16359  
329th Rgt., E Co. #12133  
332nd Rgt., L Co. (WW II) #12084  
341st Inf. Co. (Co. (WWII) #22081  
360th Engr. Gen. Serv. Rgt. (WWII) #16168  
368th Engr. Bn. #28365  
371st Eng. Bn. (WWII) #16621  
424th FA Bn. (Korea) #15619  
301st AAA AW Bn. (WWII) #16696  
432nd Signal Const. Bn., A & B Co. (CBI WWII) #14898  
433rd TC Grp., 67th TC Sq. (WWII) #14854  
438th AAA AW Bn. #15071  
439th MPEC Co. #22952  
442nd Ord. HAM. Co. (WWII) #11538  
451st AAA AW Bn. #11524  
453rd AAA AW Bn. #14196  
471st Engr. Maint. Co. #15595  
475th AAA AW Bn. WWII #16182  
475th MPEC Co. #11641  
501st GM, Rail Head Co. #12073  
503rd MP Bn., B Co. (50th Aniv. WWII) #20856  
503rd GM Co. Cr. 70901  
504th AAA Gun Bn. (WWII) #10872  
513th Eng. Pl. Co. (WWII) #16703  
522nd Eng. Co #23005  
522nd Eng. Util. Det. #15895  
527th Eng. Pl. Pco. #16175  
534th AAA Bn. (Pers Gulf) #10363  
551st Engrs. Heavy Ponton Bn. #16303  
551st FA Bn., A Bat #14862

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557th FA BN. (WWII) #10569  
 564th Trans (1968/69) Vietnam #14901  
 579th AAA AW BN., B Btry. (WWII) #14342  
 579th Sig. Air Wmn. BN. (New California 1942/43) #14124  
 586th AAA (AW) BN., B Btry. (WWII) #21781  
 592nd Inf. Bn. & Shore BN. (Admiralty Is) #12113  
 602nd Camouflage Engr. BN. #16635  
 609th Ord. BN. #12071  
 627th TD BN. #15664  
 629th TD BN. (WWII) #12000  
 637th TD BN. #16240  
 645th TD BN. #15558  
 673rd FA BN. Service Batty (1944) #11417  
 692nd TD BN. A Co. #12036  
 726th Amph. Tractor BN. (WWII) #15873  
 727th Amphib. Tractor BN. (6th Army & 8th Army PTO WWII) #14200  
 729th Railway Oper. BN. WWII #16242  
 735th Military Police BN. #16767  
 737th Tank Assn. #22023  
 744th Inf. BN. (H) Shd Co. #12146  
 749th Tank BN. Assn. (Ohio Chptr.) #15900  
 758th MP BN. A.B.C.D & HQ Cos. (WWII to Present) #10728  
 762nd AA Slt. Btry. (WWII) #11930  
 763rd FA BN. Sv. Btry. (FJ. Jackson-1944; ETO-1945) #14111  
 764th FA BN., Sv. Btry. (ETO-1945; Cp. Hood 1945-46) #11412  
 767th AAA AW BN., B Btry. #12162  
 762nd Tank BN. (ETO WWII) #15212  
 785th Inf. BN., B Co. #20592  
 786th Inf. BN. Btry. (WWII) #12118  
 789th FA BN. Service Bn. #14893  
 793rd AAA AW BN. #15996  
 802nd TD BN. #16601  
 804th Eng. BN. #11805  
 807th Engr. (Lt.) Equip. Co. (Korea & Camp McCloy) #12200  
 811th TD BN. #10010  
 851st Avn. Eng. BN #14884  
 860th QM Fumigation & Bath Co. #14159  
 865th AAA (SP) BN. WWII & Korea #16239  
 876th Airborne Engr. Avn. BN. #16442  
 868th BN. 74th CA BN #20278  
 869th Ordn. HAM Co. #16066  
 858th Inf. (S. Pac. Command) #14816  
 874th Eng. Maint. BN. B Co. #16308  
 882nd Eng. Const. BN., B Co. (1950/52) #10662  
 897th FA Service Btry. (Camp Bowie Tex) #14728  
 898th Engr. Treadway Bridge Co. #16487  
 1255th Engr. Cn. (VII) (WWII) #12159  
 1474th Engr. Maint. Co. (WWII) #12169  
 1906th Eng. Avn. BN., HQ/A/B/C Cos. - (WWII) #16355  
 3110th Signal Serv. BN., B Co. #20865  
 3287th QM, Sv. Sq. (N Africa, Sicily, Italy, Germany WWII II 1943-45) #20297  
 3344th GM Truck Co. #12115  
 3485th Ord. Co. #23005  
 3594th GM Truck Co. #15281  
 3745th QM Trk. Co. (PTO 1944/46) #12098  
 3792nd GM Trk Co #20911  
 8176th Hospital (Japan 1951) #22264  
 8204th American Graves Reg. Serv. Grp. (S. Japan/Korea Post WWII) #12159  
 15th Amer. Div., 1st 4th Inf., 196th LIB, E Co. or HHC (Chulai 1968/69) #12079  
 American Div., 26th Eng. BN. (Hawk Hill, Vietnam 1970/71) #12129  
 Army Avn. Assn. of America's (AAA) #23015  
 ASA 3rd RRU (Phu Bai, Hué & Saigon) #14092  
 ASA 602nd Det. #12126  
 ASA 680th Flt. Sta. AAU, 116th Signal (Scheney) #15272  
 Basic Training, Ft. Knox, Ky. Co. E-10-3 (May 1965) #12090  
 CAC 4th CA BN., 18th Camp Btry., USS Ringgold (AMPS Panama PTO WWII) #22643  
 Civilian Conservation Corps #1756 #12114  
 Class C6A Central Radio School (Kansas City 1943) #12081  
 CTD-305 (Univ. of Arkansas) #14809  
 Fort Robinson Nebraska #14856  
 GENED(Gen. Eng. Dist.) HQ, (Manila 1945-46) #12085  
 Graves Registration (ETO WWII) #12168  
 HHC, 13th C.A.B. (Can the Vietnam 1971-71) #12096  
 II Corps HQ, 2d, Dir. Air Spt. Ctr., Advs. Trm. 21 (Philippines 1966/67) #16800  
 Land Bills (All branches USA, Ind. 10th & 77th SFG) #12333  
 LT-454 Tug (ATC-Los Angeles, Manila, Caims, Sydney 1945) #12128  
 MIKE 3/7 Vietnam Vets Assn 1965/71 #14886  
 OCS Class 33, TIS, Ft. Benning, GA #14079  
 OCS Class 23 TIS (1942) #12092  
 Special Engr. Det., Manhattan Project (1942/45) #2664  
 STRATCOM 4/L BN. (Korea) #22124  
 Trinidad P.O.W. Camp All Units (1941/46) #22306  
 War Department, Ft Sill FA School, 85th WAAC Post, HQ Co. (1943) #11682  
 WOFWAC 63-1W #14345  
 XAF Teams #12109

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 NOB-3115, CUB-10 (Hollandia, New Atak, Amchitka, Attu Radio Receivers, (1943/46) #1083  
 NTC Bainbridge Bainbridge Commodores/ Specialties (1951-53) #12063  
 NTS Bainbridge Co. 4701 (1946-47) #12104  
 Patrol Sq. 892 #14691  
 PB4Y2 All Squadrons #12069  
 PC-74 #23004  
 Aviation Midshipmen (1946/50) #28297  
 Aviation Ordnancemen Assn (Navy & Marine) #22617  
 Bedford Springs Radio School - (Co. 13/1944) #17833  
 Boot Camp, Co. 703 (June 1945) #12074  
 CAG-11 VF-11/VB-11/VS-11/VT-1/VF-11 (WWII) #18256  
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Naval Grp. China) #21106  
 SLCU-36 / Boat Pool Baker (Okinawa 1945) #14878  
 SS Momacsaw, Armed Guard #11644  
 U.S.A.T. Col. Fred C. Johnson Armed Guard #11643  
 UDT-14 #23013  
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 USN Armed Guard National Reunion (WWII) #17804  
 USN Armed Guard SS Eli Whitney #11645  
 USN Frigate Sailors (All FF's & FFG's) #14848  
 USS Aaron Ward DD-483 #18522  
 USS Adair APA-91 (WWII) #11897  
 USS AKRON (ZRS-4) #14986  
 USS Alaska CB-1 #17891  
 USS Alexander J. Luke DE-577 #18099  
 USS Alhena AG-9/AK-26 #17344  
 USS Alkaid AK-144 #12122  
 USS Almiral AG-127 (WWII) #10818  
 USS Amherst AR-13 (First Div. Deck Force) #18048  
 USS Arctic Assn. (USS Coral Sea) VC-82 & VC-83 (incl. Arctic CVA-57) #21290  
 USS ARD-12 #14905  
 USS ARD-21 #14642  
 USS Aquilla (AO-56) #30110  
 USS Augusta CA-31 #18496  
 USS Barnett APA-5 #12053  
 USS Barrow PA-61 (1945/46) #22206  
 USS Battish (SS310) 50th Anniversary #28300  
 USS Bellau Wood CVL-24 & Attchd Air Grps #18503  
 USS Benham DD-397 #18113  
 USS Betelgeuse DD-260 #14676  
 USS Biscayne DD-78/PD-78 #10038  
 USS Biscayne DD-78/PD-78/AGC-18 (Also 2d Agm. Bn) #17497  
 USS Bonne Homme Richard CV/CVA-31 (Ind. Air Grps) #18065  
 USS Booth DE-170 (1943/45) #11556  
 USS Boston CA-69/CAG-1/SSN-703 (Ind. Mar. Det) #18037  
 USS Briscoe APA-65 #17878  
 USS Bul DE-693/AD-78 #21698  
 USS Burch DE-694/APD-79 (& UDT-21) #17713  
 USS Bunker Hill CV-17 Assn. #17502  
 USS Bums DD-588 #18577  
 USS Canberra CA-70/CAG-2 #10038  
 USS Charles S. Sperry DD-697 Assn. #18068  
 USS Chicago CA-14/CA-29/CG-11/SSN-721 (Ind. Mar.) National Assn. #11925  
 USS Chicago CA-14/CA-29/CG-11/SSN-721 (Ind. Mar.) National Assn. #11926  
 USS Chicago CG-11 National Assn. #11927  
 USS Chicago SSN-721 National Assn. #11928  
 USS Chicago AR-18/22031  
 USS Clinton Trans. Div. 72 #28428  
 USS Colhoun DD-801 #17626  
 USS Cunningham DD-371 #18563  
 USS Coos Bay APV-25 (WWII 50th Aniv) #11590  
 USS Core CVE-13 & VC-6/VC-13/VC-36/VC-38 #18547  
 USS Crest AT-84 (1950/52) #14863  
 USS Cronin DE-704/DE-704 #22730  
 USS Custer APA-40 #14433  
 USS Damato DE-871 #17520  
 USS Dawson APD-9 #1936  
 USS Demos AG-78 (WWII) #22794  
 USS Dixie AD-14 (14th Flt Crews) #16306  
 USS Dooley APA-1 (1943/46) #18686  
 USS Draper APD-162 #18574  
 USS Dutchess APA-99 #12121  
 USS Eastland APA-163 WWII #14882  
 USS English DD-698 #17651  
 USS Escambia AO-80 (WWII) #21414  
 USS Extractor ARS-15 #12173  
 USS Fanthaw Bay CVE-70 (Air Grps VC-10/VC-12/VC-68/VC-20) #12041  
 USS Farquhar DE-139 #18136  
 USS Finch DE/DE-33 & WDE-42 (incl. CG) #17969  
 USS Flint AE-32 (1973/75) #23007  
 USS Floyd Bay APV-40 #18442  
 USS Flying Fish SS-229 #10528  
 USS Fogg DE-57 Assn. #11683  
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USS Fox CG-3 #23014  
 USS Fred T. Berry DD-658 #10882  
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 USS Gandy DD-620 #17559  
 USS Gearing DD-710 #17383  
 USS General W.A. Mann AP-112 #28306  
 USS General W.A. Mann AP-112 Assn  
 (ALL BRANCHES) #18559  
 USS George E. Elliott AP-105 #12135  
 USS Gilbert Islands CVE-107 (1944/46,  
 1951/55) #18415  
 USS Glacier AGB-4 (1950/60) #14868  
 USS Glennon DD-840 #11190  
 USS Goodhue APA-107 #18239  
 USS Griswold DE-7 (WWII) #17836  
 USS Guadalcanal CVE-60 & Task Grp  
 223 (Captain of L-505) #17727  
 USS H. B. Wilson DD-620 #11395  
 USS Guardfish SS-177 #12174  
 USS Hailey DD-556 #16895  
 USS Hart DD-594 #10096  
 USS Haynesworth DD-700 #21467  
 USS Hayter DE-122/APD-80 #18623  
 USS Helena FG-9/CL-50/CA-75/SSN-725  
 - (Marines Included) #18484  
 USS Heywood APA-6 (WWII) #18588  
 USS Hudson DD-475 #11008  
 USS Hughes DD-410 #20311  
 USS Hutchins DD-476 Assn. #18356  
 USS Iowa BB-61 Vets Assn. #17765  
 USS J. Franklin Bell APA-16 #22975  
 USS J. Richard Ward DE-24 #17589  
 USS Jack C. Robinson AH-72 #18072  
 USS John C. Butler DD-621 & MS-1 #17721  
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 USS John D. Henley DD-553 #18629  
 USS Jupiter AVS-8 (SLC-26) #19794  
 USS Kalinin Bay CVE-58 & SC-3 #18465  
 USS Kawanoha AO-1 (1914/43) #17893  
 USS Kaskaskia AO-27 #18021  
 USS Kennebago AO-81 (WWII) #17775  
 USS Kenneth Whiting AV-14 (1943/58)  
 #22230  
 USS Kidd DD-661 (WWII) #18433  
 USS Kidd DD-661 (Korea & Peaceetime)  
 #30073  
 USS Lake Champlain CV-39/CG-57  
 (Navy, Mar., Persl, 1945/69) #17531  
 USS Lake DE-12152  
 USS Ladd DE-12153 #14874  
 USS Laffey DE-12154 #171636  
 USS Lawrence C. Taylor DE-415 #21434  
 USS Leo AKA-60 / USS Mulpheen AKA-61  
 (WWII) #23010  
 USS Lexington CV-2/Cleb #18112  
 USS Little DD-803/39/APD-4 #17933  
 USS Lloyd Thomas DD-764 #18419  
 USS Longshaw DD-559 #17764  
 USS Low DE-325 (1967/87) #14415  
 USS Ley DE-160/APD-56 #18445  
 USS LST-26 #10143  
 USS Luiseno ATF-156 #12112  
 USS Luluna Point CVE-94 (Incl. VC-  
 85, VC-98) #17388  
 USS Macon CA-132 #1212  
 USS Mahan DD-364/DLG-11/DDG-42  
 #18317  
 USS Major #796 #10419  
 USS Mandrel AGO-60 #15141  
 USS Mayo DD-422 #17862  
 USS McGowan DD-678 (1943/60) #17624  
 USS McNulty DE-581 #20460  
 USS Measure AM-263 #17631  
 USS Meredith DD-434/USS Vireo ATO-  
 144 #22143  
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 USS Minneapolis CA-36 Assn. (Incl. Mar.  
 Det.) #17343  
 USS Nevada BB-36. Mar. Det #28369  
 USS New Jersey BB-62 Veterans Inc.  
 #30091  
 USS Nicholson DD-442 (WWII) #22519  
 USS Nibbla AO-72 #11954  
 USS Obstrutor ACM-7 #23003  
 USS Ocanto APA-187 #1648  
 USS Okanagan APD-21 #14368  
 USS Oklahoma City CL-91/CLG-5/CG-5  
 #14655  
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 USS Ondronaux DD-617 #17448  
 USS Osage LSV-3 WWI #22215  
 USS Ozbourn DD-846 #22619  
 USS Parker DD-604 (WWII) #10415

USS Patapsco AOE-1 & USS Conserver  
 ARS-37 #17445  
 USS Pickering DD-620 - (WWII) #17710  
 USS Pintos APA-50 (WWII) #21830  
 USS Pine Island AV-12 Assn. #18457  
 USS Polaris AF-11 #11564  
 USS Porter DD-800 (WWII/Korea) #18165  
 USS President Polk AP-103 #12172  
 USS Purdy DD-734 #17965  
 USS Pyro AE-12/24 Assn. #18389  
 USS Quincy CA-39/CA71 #18153  
 USS Quincy CA-39 (1936/42) #18546  
 USS Radford DD/DDE-446 #14464  
 USS Raleigh CL-7 Assn. #17744  
 USS Rankin AKA-103 (WWII to 1971)  
 #14697  
 USS Renate AK-36 #28286  
 USS Rendova CVE-114 #00095  
 USS Rich DDE-72 #11395  
 USS Ringer DD-72 #17473  
 USS Robert A. Owens DD-827 #18137  
 USS Roche DE-197 (WWII) 50th Aniv.  
 Assn. #12119  
 USS Rochester CA-124 Assn. #22741  
 USS Roj. CVE-103, 1st Div. (WWII)  
 #21637  
 USS Roff DE-362 #10946  
 USS Ruddy AM-380 (1951 to Decomm.)  
 #12136  
 USS Salinas AO-19 #18254  
 USS Salute AM-244 (Mineweeper)  
 #17672  
 USS Sampson DD-394 #17634  
 USS San Juan #54 Assn #17693  
 USS San Pedro AP-105 #18208  
 USS Santiam CVE-23 Assn. #21823  
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 USS Saratoga CV-3/CV-60 #17906  
 USS Schuykill AO-76 #17529  
 USS Seawolf AP-26 #10144  
 USS Shetatea Theory #12099  
 USS Shove DD-373 #18544  
 USS Sheldrake DE-82 (1944/47) #11834  
 USS Silverstein DE-534 #17636  
 USS Sirona AK-43 (WWII) #22570  
 USS Smalley DD-565 (WWII/Korea)  
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 USS Soubarisien AO-93 #10497  
 USS Sprout DD-57 #177 (WWII) #21222  
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 USS Stevenson DD-65 #14459  
 USS Stockton DD-64 #18241  
 USS Stirling DD-867 #11595  
 USS Swanson DD-443 #18330  
 USS Sweare DE-186 #17458  
 USS Swanning DE-394 #18398  
 USS Tate AK-70 #12035  
 USS Tennessee CG-23 #12362  
 USS Thatcher DD-514 (50th Aniv. of  
 Commis. Det) #23732  
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 USS Thomas Jefferson APA-30 #10413  
 USS Ticonderoga CV/CVA/CVS-14/CG-47  
 #17791  
 USS Twining DD-540 (1943/71) #18325  
 USS Uhlan DD-687 #02025  
 USS Valparaiso DD-656 (WWII  
 Korea) #18451  
 USS Vesole DD-978 (1945/76) #10041  
 USS Warren APA-53 #21470  
 USS Washington BB-56 #14533  
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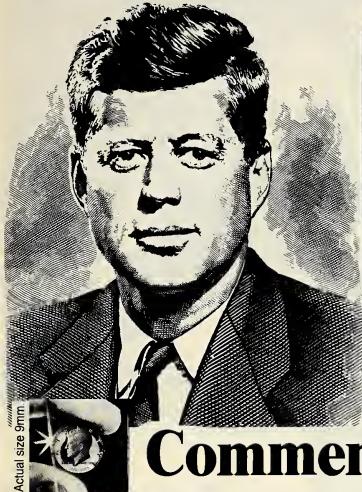
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changes," says Sommer, "but it's too soon to tell whether they'll be enough.

"The President, the Secretary of Defense and the State Department have to make one thing clear: Bringing home POW/MIA is a DoD priority and those who do it well will be promoted.

"For more than 20 years, the POW/MIA issue has not only lacked centralized intelligence, it has lacked leadership," Sommer says.

President Bill Clinton and his defense secretary have an opportunity to change that.

#### DESERT STORM FAILURE

As explained in the Secretary of Defense's 1992 *Annual Report to the President and Congress*, one of the major problems in the Persian Gulf War was navigating in the featureless desert. The Pentagon's solution created another problem.

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, "American ground forces used global positioning satellite receivers to navigate in the desert. But because the receivers were bought from commercial firms after the crisis began, they were not 'secure,' meaning a savvy adversary could have pinpointed U.S. positions."

This means that if the U.S. military was trying to rescue a downed pilot, the enemy could get there first. Thus, if a POW was located, the enemy would be able to move him by the time a rescue was attempted.

Even before U.S. troops arrived in the Persian Gulf, analysts served the Pentagon and the White House poorly.

Before the Iraqi army invaded Kuwait, an American KH-11 spy satellite picked up 100,000 troops along the Kuwaiti border. According to *Newsweek*, however, "the CIA, DIA and the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research concluded there was little danger."

Thanks to the intelligence community, the U.S. military had another "surprise attack" to add to its military history.

"Our intelligence was better during World War II than it is today," says former Delta Force Commander Paschall. "Three of our last four wars have begun



**TRIAL AND ERRORS**—The Senate's \$1.9 million, 15-month POW/MIA investigation was incomplete. For Legion reaction, see Page 42.

with strategic surprises."

Getting caught off guard, says former DIA Director Tighe, is the result of relying too heavily on hi-tech tools.

"For the last 30 years, we have been so impressed with technology that we simply haven't paid any attention to the importance of human intelligence (spies)," says Tighe, who headed DIA from 1977 to 1981. "Just about everything that you can get out of technology is measurement, but what you never get—unless you have very good human intelligence—is enemy intentions."

#### NEW TECHNOLOGY

While the United States may be relying too heavily on technology for intelligence, there is one new product that may be worth pursuing.

Tighe suggests that a tracking device can be planted under the skin, allowing a central location to know where every soldier is at every moment on the battlefield. Such a device, says Tighe, "could have tracked everyone on the battlefield during Operation Desert Storm—all 500,000 plus personnel."

"This technology can pinpoint the exact location that a man was lost from our control," says Tighe. "And the fact that an American is a POW can be technologically verified in future wars with existing technology."

On a visit to the Pentagon, THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine posed this

idea to retired Army Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, now serving as Presidential Emissary to Hanoi for POW/MIA Affairs.

"Before the decade is out," says Vessey, "commanders will have a good idea where every single individual is on the battlefield."

Vessey, citing national security, would not offer specifics and didn't comment on Tighe's data.

Why isn't this technology being used today?

Tighe says it's "expensive," but a bargain when compared to the \$1.9 million the Senate Select Committee on

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POW/MIA Affairs spent on investigating DoD screw-ups on POW/MIA's.

Another problem is that an enemy might just decide to rip apart POWs to find the implants that allow them to be located.

DoD needs to determine if the implant could alert U.S. troops about a GI being captured fast enough, so combat search and rescue teams could get the GI before he's put in a POW camp. If this can be done, the device may be worth an investment.

## 4 Treat the hunt for POW/MIA's as an unsolved crime.

Getting good intelligence isn't worth anything if it isn't used properly. And when it comes to POW/MIA information, this is a big problem.

"Let's stop treating the POW/MIA issue like military intelligence because it's not," Vessey told *THE AMERICAN LEGION* magazine in a 1991 interview. "What we're trying to do is solve something that's akin to a 20-year-old crime."

Basic police work has not been done on most POW/MIA cases. Experts, like former DIA Director Tighe, say that this must change.

"In bloody and prolonged battle, we tend to start talking about statistics," Tighe says. "That's wrong."

"We've got to stop talking about numbers and start talking about names. Only then can we start bringing missing Americans home."

### DOING IT RIGHT

To improve accounting in future wars, America must shift POW/MIA responsibilities to agencies and networks that can operate outside politics.

Here's what must be done, according to the experts:

- Remove DIA from the POW/MIA process. "Some entity that deals specifically with the missing is needed," says Sen. Robert C. Smith, former vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. "The DIA does intelligence on all covert operations in the world. Its primary function is not finding missing servicemen."

- Create a special POW task force that can both report directly to the Secretary of Defense and call upon special operations forces for rescues. "You have to have a commander with an office in the Pentagon, a full-time staff and troops at his disposal from the U.S. Special Operations Command," suggests Peck, former chief of DIA's

POW/MIA office.

Immediate action is often required to help POW/MIA's, and The American Legion has testified that the position of deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs, created in 1992, doesn't carry enough authority to be effective in bringing POWs home.

- Transfer remains identification from the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii (CIL-HI) to the Smithsonian Institution. CIL-HI, as confirmed in a recent General Accounting Office report, has had many problems over the years. Despite major improvements, CIL-HI's past record—which includes burying empty

caskets and identifying rocks and airplane parts as skeletal remains—places its credibility in jeopardy.

The identification of remains should be moved out of the military and given to the Smithsonian.

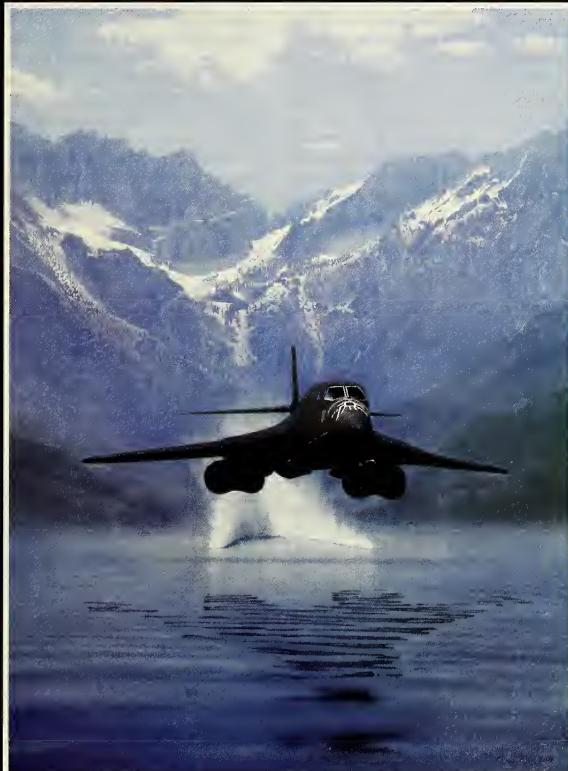
- Hire a former POW as an analyst for the lead POW/MIA office.

- Speed up the flow of intelligence from one agency to another. According to *The New York Times*, it took DoD nearly one year to follow-up on satellite intelligence relating to live POWs in Southeast Asia.

- Make sure no "inside" information is released to a foreign country

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**who may be holding U.S. POWs.** Says Peck: "Under protest, I was forced to give the Vietnamese a breakdown, a matrix of everything we knew on each man, where we got the information, how we knew it and where the gaps were. We were telling the Vietnamese how to fill in the blanks."

• **Maintain POW/MIA status for missing GIs until evidence proves they are dead.** Today, DoD can determine a POW/MIA is dead based on the mere passage of time, finding called "Presumptive Finding of Death (PFOD)."

Two bills that failed in the House of Representatives last year would have required DoD to prove a POW/MIA was dead before declaring him so.

"If there is no law to prevent a PFOD, then the U.S. government can do nothing and still seem to resolve the POW/MIA issue," says Legion National Commander Munson.

## 5 Offer asylum to foreign citizens who help recover POWs.

House bill H.R. 1900, had it passed, would have "granted asylum in the United States to nationals of Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and Burma who assisted in the return of live American POW/MIA from Indochina."

The failure of the bill was tragic in view of the high-ranking Vietnamese official, Nguyen Can, who sought to defect with information on live prisoners, but instead was recalled to Vietnam before he could do so.

What happened to Mr. Can?

After returning to Vietnam, Can disappeared and many fear he's been locked away by his government or killed.

"We should demand to see Mr. Can," Sen. Smith told THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine.

Many experts believe that if America doesn't guarantee protection to foreign citizens who help recover live U.S. POWs, no one will come forward with information.

"For Vietnam and for future wars, we need to encourage—even reward—foreign citizens who help bring home Americans," Munson contends.

## 6 End the secrecy on the POW/MIA issue.

Testifying before the Senate, acting assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Carl W. Ford pledged an end to secrecy.

"Our ability to continue to collect information for the families and for other intelligence projects requires us to try to keep our sources and methods protected," Ford explained. "We've used that more times than I would like to admit as an excuse, rather than as a real answer."

"I'm simply telling you that it's over. We're going to find a way to do this."

Section 1082 of the fiscal year (FY) 1992 National Defense Authorization Act, passed into law in 1991, directed the Secretary of Defense "to make available to the public DoD records and other information on all persons classified as POW or MIA during the Vietnam era."

Millions of documents were declassified, but the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs was denied certain CIA and NSA documents and held many closed hearings. Families are still being stonewalled.

## 7 Set up a group that really helps POW/MIA families.

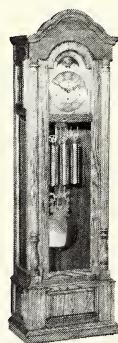
"The kind of assets that we have now applied against the problem [POW/MIA] would have been best applied then [20 years ago]. I can't recover from that, and I can't apologize enough to the families personally," Dennis Nagy, acting DIA director, told the Senate committee in 1991.

Section 1083 of the FY1992 Defense Authorization Act directed DoD to establish a Family Support Center for the families of Vietnam War POW/MIA. The center would help families get through the bureaucracy that manages POW/MIA matters.

Although the office of the deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA affairs has hired a family consultant, the center remains a project on paper only.

## 8 Provide theater commanders with well-trained and well-equipped combat search and rescue forces.

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the same time. One mission must be sacrificed.

"We need to find a way to balance CSAR and special operations without hurting either capability," Ryan says.

Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur knew very well the importance of rescue missions in World War II. Using 2,000 troops in a rescue in the Pacific, he rescued 2,132 POWs, killed 243 Japanese guards and among his men, only two were killed and three wounded.

Instead of relying on the CIA's predecessor—the Office of Strategic Services—MacArthur had his own intelligence operatives and he knew how to use them.

**9** **Appoint a permanent presidential commission or congressionally approved government board on POW/MIA to recommend, plan and monitor.**

"America needs to set up a policy that won't allow POWs to be abandoned in future wars," says Legion National Commander Munson. "And the first step is to move the process out of the Pentagon and the intelligence community."

Retired Army Gen. Vessey agrees.

he's captured. Combat search and rescue (CSAR) should be a national priority.

Here's what must be done:

• **Theater commanders must call the shots on CSAR.** "In future wars, we must make sure the troops that do the fighting are involved in the decisions to bring people home," says retired Air Force Gen. John W. Vogt, 7th Air Force Commander during Vietnam. "The decision to use military forces for rescue rather than attack can only be made by the commander in the field of battle. That didn't happen in Vietnam."

In Operation Desert Storm, this mistake was not repeated. CSAR was directed by the Joint Commander.

• **Balance the military's CSAR and special operations.** If Desert Storm had become more of a fight, there was a danger: CSAR would have been sacrificed in favor of special forces missions.

"U.S. Special Operations forces during the Gulf War were assigned the mission of conducting rescue operations by the theater commander," says Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael E. Ryan of the Joint Staff.

"We need to do better than that in the future because there are many needs for their [special operations] long-range, air-refuelable, night-capable, all-weather, armed helicopters."

These helicopters cannot be ready to do CSAR and special operations at

"I have recommended that the President set up a review body to look at what is being done on the POW issue, and find out how to do it better," says Vessey, the Presidential Emissary to Hanoi for POW/MIA Affairs.

"Only a permanent presidential commission or congressionally approved government board could wrestle the POW/MIA issue from those who fouled it up," says Munson.

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**POW/MIA:** The Next War. How far should America go to bring them home?

"It's not enough to move heaven and earth, you have to move hell," says retired Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And to Moorer, that means going to war, if necessary, to bring our men home.

Today, Vietnam is a country that is known to be holding 400 skeletons of American servicemen in a warehouse. Today, evidence suggests that Vietnam may have kept U.S. POWs after the Vietnam War. And today, the United States seems willing to just forget it all, and move toward closer ties with Vietnam.

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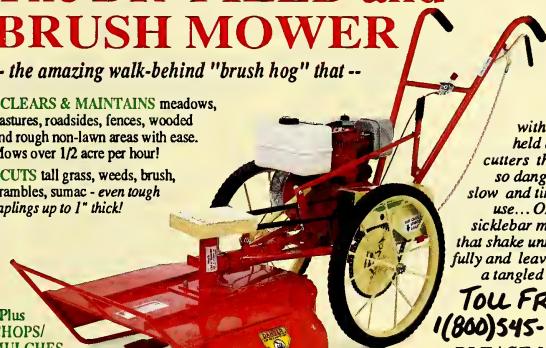
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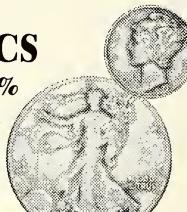
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The fact is, if you don't know how to protect your assets, here's what can happen to you. By law, before Medicaid will pay nursing home bills, you have to spend all your countable assets except \$2000 (or as low as \$1500 in some states.) Countable assets mean not only money in checking and savings accounts...but also any funds in CD's, IRA's, Savings Bonds, Mutual Funds, stocks, whole life insurance, annuities and other types of investments. They can also take a vacation home or a second

car. In addition, your entire Social Security or pension check can be taken to cover nursing home expenses. What's more, if you are single or widowed, you can even lose your house.

According to the federal law called the Spousal Impoverishment Act of 1988, if one spouse requires extended nursing home care, the healthy spouse can be forced to surrender HALF of their combined countable assets. And if you have a sizable estate, they can legally take MORE THAN HALF.

Is there anything you can do to stop this nightmare from happening to you? Yes. You are protected by law and can use several legal techniques to place your countable (or vulnerable) assets into the uncountable (or protected) category. The problem is, most people are not aware of their legal rights. Unfortunately, most people think Medicare will take care of them, so they unknowingly leave their assets vulnerable and in jeopardy.

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Yet, if there's an unbridgeable gulf between your expectations and what your job delivers, maybe it is time to move on.

Put everything on hold, however, if you're momentarily mad at your boss. Every career features disappointments—tiny raises, rejected ideas and lost promotions. Angry quitting isn't the remedy.

But if cool-headed analysis indicates you need to look elsewhere, there's a right time and a right way to do it.

Secrecy in a job search is a must, for instance. "It's a mistake to publicly announce your intention to quit before you've found a new job," career consultant Scheele says. "You may pride yourself on being honest and may also want to allow plenty of time for training a replacement. Altruistic as that is, it's sure to work against you. If you don't wait until the last possible minute, you're putting a bull's eye on your back and inviting people to shoot arrows."

Wouldn't it be easier to just quit the present job to devote fulltime to an employment search? Most experts strongly

advise against it. That's because having a job is a valuable bargaining chip in job hunting. It's "a stamp of employer approval," says Schuster.

Having a job, however, entails major shifts in search strategy, Schuster says.

"You have to be careful about taking calls at work," she says. "You will find yourself taking long lunches or using vacation days to meet with interviewers. While you're doing all this, you have to keep up the quality of work on your current job since you'll want references. None of this is easy."

Under these demands for stealth and tact, it's no wonder many job seekers make a predictable, but avoidable mistake. "The more highly motivated people are, the more likely it is they will leap at the wrong opportunity," says researcher Snelly Blotnick, author of *The Corporate Steeplechase*. Blotnick surveyed numerous job changers, many of whom reported their new jobs were worse than their last ones.

How do you know if the new job will be better? You can't always be sure, but Blotnick has created a six-step job change checklist that may help:

- Assess the economic and financial health of the industry.
- Ditto for the prospective company.
- Ditto for the division in which you would be working.
- How many people in similar positions are being hired? The more, the better. If you're XYZ Inc.'s only recent hire, performance expectations and pressures may be unrealistic.
- How influential is your immediate supervisor? A powerful boss can stick by promises made in interviews; one with less clout may not be able to.
- Are fallback positions available at nearby firms? It's risky to move a competitor away to take a job with a company that's a pioneer. If the position doesn't gel, long-distance job hunting is usually harder than looking locally.

Blotnick won't guarantee you a dream job. But when jobs check out positive on all points of his list, it "significantly improves the chances that a switch will be successful," he says.

Nor is Blotnick's list the only way to assess a job offer. Smaller organizations likely will fall short by his yardstick, but oftentimes they are ideal environments for a hard-charger. The key is to think long and carefully before signing on. Where jobs are concerned, new does not always mean better.

Perhaps the best advice comes from Levinson, who advises, "Don't quit at all unless you're starting something new—a career, a lifestyle, whatever. Never quit to quit. Quit to start." □

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## FOOD FIGHT

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"We listen closely to our customers, and what they are currently telling us is that they don't want irradiated products," says Jennifer Bush, a Publix spokeswoman. However, if Sam Whitney, president of Vindicator Inc., is correct, Publix could soon find itself in a minority of one.

"Whatever noises the food giants are making in public, they are saying something different in private," says Whitney. "They all want to switch to irradiated products, but each is waiting for someone else to make the move." Whitney and his supporters say it is just a matter of time before irradiated foods are accepted. They cite other processes, such as canning, pasteurization and micro-waving, that faced years of opposition before becoming a part of our everyday life.

If other countries can be used as examples, then Whitney and his people may be right. Many developed countries live comfortably with irradiation.

The French, for instance, have been happily irradiating their frogs legs for years, while countries such as Israel and South Africa routinely use the process to treat fruit, vegetable and poultry products. China, the former Soviet Union and Holland also are using irradiation in varying degrees. Great Britain, which was cautious about the technology like the United States, has finally taken the plunge and approved virtually all food groups.

But, what about the United States, the country that did the most to create irradiation technology in the first place? In spite of all the glowing endorsements, only the American people will decide if and when irradiation's time has come. □

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# AGING VETERANS

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so touching the lives of service-connected veterans, and geriatric care is feeling the pinch the hardest.

Congress created, and only Congress can change these laws. Until that happens, VA has to live by the law, regardless of its impact on veterans.

And this situation promises to get even worse. VA's own statistics tell the story.

Today, 27 percent, or 7 million veterans, are 65 or older. By 2000, that number will have grown to 9 million. And by 2005, 4.5 million of today's veterans will be 75 or older.

"The growing population of elderly veterans will affect the Department of Veterans Affairs so hard we don't believe they will be able to care for them," says VA&R Chairman Stellar.

"One of the Legion's concerns is legislative reform to ensure that aging veterans are entitled to the care they deserve," says Charles Pesso, the Legion's Legislative Commission Chairman.

"Also, it is not enough to pass a law; there must be money allocated to fund it. We've seen Congress do that on more than one occasion. Without the funds, none of the chronic-care problems can be resolved," he says.

Many older veterans are already dependent on VA for their care, according to VA. Last year, more than 56,000 veterans received care at the 136 VA nursing homes and dozens of VA-subsidized state nursing homes. VA reports that of the 716,000 VA hospital admissions last year, 55 percent of the veterans treated were age 65 or older. In addition, VA estimates that at least 60 percent of the 23 million outpatient visits at VA last year were veterans age 65 or older.

THESE numbers clearly show what's to come, as more and more of America's 27 million veterans seek care as they get older," says Stellar. "The Legion is working very closely with VA and Congress to ensure that a network of top quality care is in place to look after them."

VA recognizes that demographics are forcing it to treat the elderly, and is proud of the services—some of it far reaching—it can render under the law. They include: VA nursing home care;

community nursing home care; VA domiciliary care; state homes; hospice care; hospital-based home care; adult day health care; community residential care; geriatric evaluation and management program; respite care; and Alzheimer's care.

It takes money to run all these programs, and no one is more aware of it than Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa, VA Assistant Chief of Medicine for Geriatric and Extended Care.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs has the capability of caring for the growing population of aging veterans, but only if VA budget planners recognize the need to reallocate current funds to concentrate on chronic care instead of acute care," he told THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine.

But when asked if any such plans were being prepared, he replied, "Not that I am aware of."

Yoshikawa says that the number of physician visits, short-term hospital stays and number of days in the hospital increase dramatically after age 50. With today's veterans living longer, he admits this will place a heavy burden of responsibility on an already stressed-out system.

Yoshikawa says VA's geriatric care is short-changed by the budget. He cites dwindling funds for research and development (R&D) as one example. Part of the R&D funds in the past have been used by VA to research geriatric dementia problems, like Alzheimer's disease. However, both Yoshikawa and Legion experts agree that the R&D budget is \$40 million too little to be able to meet this year's research objectives.

The number of veterans with dementia alone is staggering. Currently, 300,000 veterans suffer from dementia to some degree. By 2000, that figure is projected to be 600,000, or roughly 7 percent of the veteran population over the age of 65. At this time, VA has only 56 units that specialize in care for dementia patients.

In truth, VA has thousands of beds available to treat a wide range of chronic health problems, says Yoshikawa. There are some 5,000 beds located in closed or underutilized VA hospital wings that could be converted to geriatric care. But Yoshikawa acknowledges that little has been done to convert these beds because VA says its figures show less demand for chronic care than expected.

However, VA's figures could be misleading. According to Yoshikawa, there are two primary reasons for the apparent lack of demand. One is that many veterans do not fully trust VA. But he

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says that's unfair.

"VA treats more than 2 million veterans a year throughout its system. That's more than any private hospital anywhere," he says. "But VA is a fish bowl. If we make a mistake, it makes the evening news. If you were to compare our track record with private care givers, you would find that our record in all areas is at least as good, if not better."

The second reason is location. Although there are 136 VA nursing homes and dozens of VA-subsidized state veterans homes in 40 states, many veterans do not live close to them. Many prefer to stay near their families and homes and use their Medicare/Medicaid benefits instead.

But Legion experts do not fully agree with VA's findings. "The tightening of veteran eligibility for VA treatment and care gets worse with each passing year," says Stellar. "Many veterans who want and need care from VA have simply been reclassified as ineligible. Once again, this may not be VA's fault. It is a matter of inadequate funding and the need for eligibility reform."

**T**HAT'S one reason the Legion is pushing hard for legislation that would allow VA to accept Medicare- and Medicaid-eligible veterans at VA facilities and be reimbursed by those federal programs for the veterans' treatment and care," says Legislative Chairman Pesso.

Legion-backed legislation would provide veterans with access to VA long-term care by injecting much-needed funds into the cash-strapped system.

Further complicating the issue is that people are living longer. But, says Yoshioka, "It's not enough to live longer. We are concerned with quality of life, not just quantity."

"You see more and more guys on the street doped to the gills with medications and drugs that help them live longer," says retired Marine Master Sgt. Al Greene, who now lives at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C. "They have no purpose, no place to go. Science is creating an army of medicated, aging zombies."

Veterans, such as Greene, need to know what VA will offer for aging veterans, because health and financial security are major factors in deciding when to retire.

"It was not an easy decision when I applied for residency at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home," says Greene. "I don't know that anyone really knows when it's time to hang it up.

Aging sort of sneaks up on you."

Like Al Greene, many veterans will be facing retirement within the next decade. Greene's lucky. He's healthy, he works part time at a job he enjoys and he's surrounded by people with similar backgrounds.

He sits at the opposite end of the spectrum from Peter Phelps, who died alone, isolated from those with whom he shared a common bond.

To ensure there will be no more Pe-

ter Phelps, Legion officials are working closely with the new administration and the 103rd Congress. "We can not permit the VA system to be bled dry," says Legislative Chairman Pesso.

"Congress must be educated to the fact that VA is a significant player in national health-care reform, and a serious restructuring of VA will make the system work much better, at lower costs, while serving far more veterans." □

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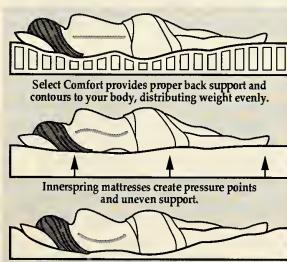
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## 'GOOD' GOVERNMENT

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One of the interesting aspects of the deficit reduction package was the "luxury tax." The new tax ended up literally crippling the boat-building industry. It also led to massive layoffs, affecting dozens of other related industries. Ironically, the luxury tax proved to cost more money than it raised in tax revenues. It should remind us that the power to tax is the power to destroy.

**Q.** Has anything been done to bring government waste under control?

**A.** Nothing significant. In 1990, the Comptroller General of the Government Accounting Office (GAO) estimated that the federal government wastes \$180 billion each year. At the time, that was enough money to fund the state budgets of 48 of the 50 states. Since the GAO only watches what Congress tells it to watch, we can only imagine the waste that goes unreported.

**Q.** How does the Washington mind-set of rounding off figures contribute to federal waste?

**A.** It's not so much the rounding off as it is the cavalier attitude of those who deal with millions of dollars each day. For instance, the Navy regularly sinks old ships in its artificial-reef-and-sink program. Thousands of items are left onboard, from mattresses, pots and pans, to heavy equipment and machinery.

A congressman wrote the Navy Department, pointing out these could be salvaged. The Navy replied loftily that the \$57 million involved didn't justify the effort. It makes you wonder what amount would justify the effort?

**Q.** Surely there is someone in Washington who understands where the money comes from?

**A.** I'm not so sure. It is not that we send bad people to Washington who are doing bad things. True, there are some who are abusing their positions, but most are simply using them in ways that come perfectly natural.

We put them in a system where success depends not upon results produced, but upon how much money is controlled and how many people are commanded. Therefore, we shouldn't be surprised that their greatest interest in

life is controlling more money and commanding more people.

In short, our congressmen and senators are no longer our representatives; they are sales agents for "good government," i.e., government with ever-expanding power over the lives of you and me and our children.

**Q.** If sending good people to Washington is not the answer, what is?

**A.** Even if all the problems mentioned were solved, we still cannot elect good people, send them to Washington and expect them to do good things for us. Our Founders warned as much.

They knew that, worthy public servants aside, government by nature tends toward excess. It is a necessary evil to provide for the common defense, to promote the general welfare, to do those things that cannot be done by individuals and enterprises. There may be times when we have to use this instrument, just as doctors were once wont to include small amounts of arsenic in their prescriptions. But massive doses can be fatal.

Whatever may be our good impulses as a people, those impulses alone are incapable of controlling the fundamental tendency of government toward excess and abuse.

**Q.** But, isn't government merely giving the people what they have asked for?

**A.** What is self-government about? What is this society about? They certainly are not about producing a utopia through the instrument of state. Even if government could produce all that it promises, we would not want those results on the terms offered. They are terms that require that we surrender a good that is more important than results: our freedom to make choices. We should still have enough pride in ourselves as individuals and as a people to want to shape our own destinies.

**Q.** What, then, is the answer?

**A.** As citizens empowered to govern ourselves, we should also be willing to reassess our role on the community level. And it is high time that we did so. In the past 50 years, there has not been one new local government incorporated in the United States. The life blood of the system is drying up.

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For shoppers, the city's 88 neighborhoods offer a variety of stores and shops. But for the ultimate in Pittsburgh shopping, try the Strip District across the street from the David Lawrence Convention Center, where the general sessions of the National Convention will be held. Commission and commit-

tee meetings will be in the convention center and in the Pittsburgh Vista Hotel, which is linked to the convention center by a walkway.

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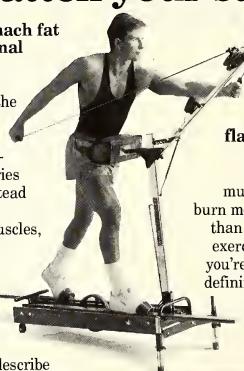
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By using a disciplined approach, investors can usually weather the inevitable periods of underperformance that occur from time to time in the market and make the most of periods of above-average performance.

You should also develop a well-defined set of criteria by which to judge what stocks to buy. You might look for a history of uninterrupted dividend payouts or a certain percentage of increase in dividend payments over a set period of time.

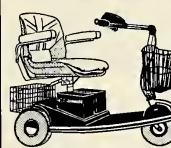
In addition, you should choose specific targets that can be used as benchmarks to measure the performance of your investments. A target for an income investor, for example, could be an annual income level of \$10,000 from fixed income investments. When setting your target, you must be realistic in terms of your goals, attitude toward risk and overall market conditions.

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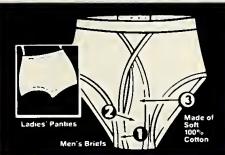
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nor the ability to represent themselves in Congress.

Without the Legion representation in Congress, these veterans would be forgotten. Thank you.

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## WWII And Women

Thank you for the recognition you gave women veterans in the December issue ("Women Sign Up"). I wish the television and other media would recognize the importance of women in the service. I am a female veteran of Vietnam and I believe we owe the ladies before us a great honor.

*Luayne Kendrick  
Trussville, Ala.*

## Thanks For Vet Rep

As a wife of a Vietnam veteran, I want to respond to your article, "Call to Action," (September) about American Legion representatives testifying to Congress on behalf of veterans. Many veterans are homeless, hospitalized, or afraid of losing their pensions by speaking out about VA or the government.

Some of them may not trust VA to treat them. They have neither the drive

Shame on Charles J. Hanley for not mentioning the nurses who served in the Army and Navy. I made sacrifices and endured hardships—living in tents, sleeping on cots, sloshing through mud, using helmets as wash basins. I am proud to say my WWII service was as a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

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*J.W. Moorhouse  
Maineville, Ohio*

Yes, America's auto industry can be saved. But whether it will be saved depends on management recognizing the customer as king. Also, the government should give manufacturers incentives to update equipment. And, finally, the United Auto Workers must cooperate with management.

*Earl T. Steiner  
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This column is for readers searching for veterans for purposes other than reunions (use VETS column) or to find witnesses to verify VA health claims (use COMRADES IN DISTRESS column). Because of the volume of requests, we are unable to publish notices from people seeking information about friends or relatives. Notices are published free, on a space-available basis.

A shoulder patch of the Universal Military Training Exp Unit at Fort Knox during '46 and early '47. Contact Glenn A. Howard, 1889 Hwy W, Steepleton, WI 53566.

Anyone interested in obtaining a liberty pass from the USS Lexington, which was sunk in the Battle of the Coral Sea. Contact: S. V. DeGastano, 728 E. 2nd St., Brooklyn, NY 11218.

Crew of the Navy riverboat Poison Ivy in Vietnam, for a book. Contact: Paul L. Saltzgaber, 140 N. Robin Ave., Battle Creek, MI 49017.

Former members of the 616th Eng. Equipment Co., for a book. Contact: Lois M. Reed, P.O. Box 98, Camel, ME 04419.

GIs who served as "Tunnel Rats" in Vietnam, for a TV documentary. Contact: BAP Inc., 15585 High Knoll Rd., Encino, CA 91343.

Information about Army Chaplain Emil Kapaun, 8th Cav. Regt 1st Co. during Korean War, for a book. Contact: William L. Maher, 2311 Cedar Swamp Rd., Brookville, NY 11545.

Information about Father Gerald Fitzgerald, a military chaplain in the Pacific Theater from 1942-45, for a book. Contact: Father Mike Mack, Servants of the Paraclete, P.O. Box 10, Jemez Springs, NM 87025-0010.

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Soldiers who served at the 25th Base Post Office Motor Pool, Wurzburg, Germany, 1946-47, for a book. Contact: William Ory, 4877 Bundy Rd., Coloma, MI 49038.

The name of the U.S. military unit involved in a train crash at Saint Valery-en-Caux, Normandy, Jan. 17, 1945. Town is dedication a memorial plaque to the GI victims. Contact: Gabriel Benedict, 28401 Helena Run Dr., Leesburg, FL 34748.

U.S. veterans of the North Russian Expeditionary Forces, 1918-19, for an article. Contact: Eileen Burke, 4000 1/2 Lasher Rd., Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

Anyone interested in obtaining WWI or WWII artifacts of the 79th U.S. Mounted Band. Contact: Marshall S. Sayner, 8 Coverack Line, Bella Vista, AR 72714-1702.

GIs who served in postwar Berlin, for a book. Contact: Mort Nirenberg, American Historical Association of Berlin Unit 267/268, GDR Box 100, APO AE 093-100.

Information about U.S. military unit histories and training programs, for a book. Contact: Nancy B. Boucher, Kansas State University, Department of Kinesiology, 8 Natatorium, Manhattan, KS 66505-0302. Navy LDOs and CWOs to donate memorabilia for permanent display in honor of the "Mustang Community." Contact: Ldr. Warren E. Tuthill, Naval Aviation Schools Command (Code 152), NAS Pensacola, FL 32508-5400.

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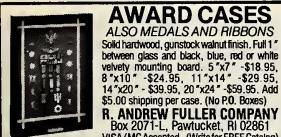
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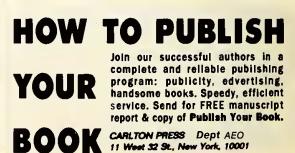
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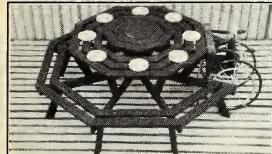
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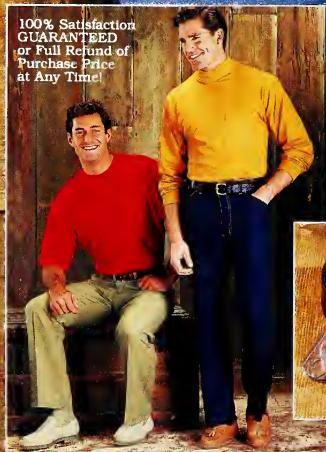
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